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Celebrations as probe by MPs throws out estuary airport plans

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VICTORY against proposals to build an enormous multi-billion pound airport in the Thames Estuary – destroying huge swathes of the county in its wake – appears to be within touching distance.

On Friday a group of influential MPs rejected calls for an estuary airport off the Kent coast – and will instead tell the Government it should expand Heathrow.

While the threat of an estuary airport to help solve the problem of the UK's aviation capacity remains on the table, the decision by the transport select committee to turn its back on the plans is significant.

And it will be an enormous blow to London Mayor Boris Johnson, who has been the most vocal supporter and influential driver of the estuary proposals. He described the suggestion that Heathrow have one - or possibly two - new runways as "sheer lunacy".

The committee threw out the estuary proposals, highlighting the devastating impact it would have on wildlife habitat, the huge public investment it would take to build and the detrimental impact on the Heathrow economy should the existing airport be closed to make way for a new one.

Council leaders in Medway, MPs and campaigners were this week celebrating a significant latest victory.

Leader of Medway Council, Rodney Chambers, said: "This confirms what we've always known and have campaigned loudly about – that the Thames Estuary airport is a non-starter."

MP for Gillingham and Rainham, Rehman Chishti, added: "The evidence is clear that an airport in the estuary would irrevocably alter Medway and

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CHEERLEADER: MPs' findings will be a major blow to London Mayor Boris Johnson

WILDLIFE

Hairy invasion is on its way

CATERPILLARS with hairs which can devastate oak trees and cause humans to erupt with a nasty rash are working their way through the county.

The hairy menace is believed to have been imported from mainland Europe in 2006 and has already caused chaos around the UK. **PAGE 3**

POLITICS

'Defections' at County Hall?

RUMOURS within the corridors of power at Kent County Council suggest there could be a defection from one of the main political parties to a rival – just a little over a week since the results were declared.

A full round-up of all the latest speculation and cabinet reshuffle inside. **PAGE 4**

SPORT

Wells in the Wembley way

TUNBRIDGE Wells came so close to springing a major surprise in the final of the FA Vase at a sun-soaked Wembley last weekend.

But despite their 2-1 defeat, thousands of fans had a day to remember cheering the Kent side on. Pictures and report inside. **PAGE 26**

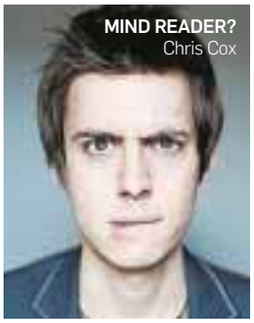


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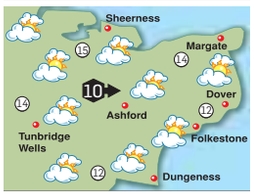
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TODAY'S HIGH TIDE (Metres)

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Margate	02.02	4.7	14.18	4.5
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AIRPORT

Campaigners fear threat will return with future generation

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there are many economic, environmental and safety issues that make it an unviable option."

MP for Rochester and Strood, Mark Reckless, who has tirelessly campaigned against the proposal, expressed his delight in a column written in today's edition of KoS.

He said: "Despite Boris' gung-ho attitude, support for a Thames Estuary airport remains extremely limited."

But the triumph for some came as a stark reminder of the seemingly continuous battle against the idea – and the fact that for more than a century the plan for a giant airport in our county has continued to rear its ugly head.

George Crozer, from Friends of the North Kent Marshes, previously fought plans introduced by the Labour government in 2002/3 to build an airport at Cliffe. He said while he was pleased, he predicted new plans would undoubtedly come up in the future.

"I don't think we've seen the last of the airport. It's a generational thing," he said. "If we go back to 2003, we ran a two to three-year long campaign against an airport at Cliffe.

"People learn as a generation that the north Kent marshes is not the right place. I don't say this because I live there, but because it's a precious place.

"But then a new generation comes in and all that changes. I suspect in another 10 years we'll see this type of plan again.

"In saying that, we're very pleased."

An independent inquiry into the aviation capacity issue is currently being led by Howard Davies, former boss of the Financial Services Authority.

It will publish its final report in 2015.

There have been six proposals to build an airport in the north Kent area: Foster and Partner's Isle of Grain plan; Gensler's London Britannia airport off the Hoo Peninsula; London Jubilee airport off Whitstable; London Medway Airport at Cliffe; Marinair off Sheppey; and London Gateway Airport at Cliffe.

Maritime engineers Beckett Rankine also put forward a plan involving locating a hub airport on the Goodwin Sands off the coast of Deal.

But the transport committee rejected calls for such an airport.

Committee chair Louise Ellman said: "Research we commissioned made plain that building an entirely new hub airport east of London could not be done without huge public investment in new ground transport infrastructure.

"Evidence to our inquiry also showed a substantial potential impact on wildlife habitat in the Thames Estuary."

She stated that expansion at Heathrow was the best option.

But Mr Johnson, who has been pushing for an airport in Kent, called it "sheer lunacy".

He said: "London and the wider UK needs a hub airport that can operate 24-hours-a-day without constraint and the only place that is possible is to the east of London."

Clive Lawrence, campaign director of Demand Regeneration in North Kent (DRINK), was adamant the airport would still happen eventually.

He said: "One of these plans is going to happen. Why does it keep coming up? This is so big, this is such a strong plan. The potential benefits are so huge – most people don't see the huge benefits to north Kent.

"Someone once unkindly said that if Kent was the Garden of England, north Kent was the compost heap.

"This might be a little true but a hub airport would turn it into the best place in Kent, one of the best places in the whole of UK and Europe."



PROPOSALS: A number of groups put forward ideas for estuary airports, including this design for London Britannia airport off the Hoo Peninsula, by Gensler

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WILDLIFE

Marching army of toxic caterpillars threatens our oak trees... and us

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IT IS an invasion that can't be stopped; hairy oak tree-killing caterpillars which leave humans with horrific rashes... and they are coming our way.

The insects were spotted in Richmond, London, where despite spending more than £200,000 trying to eradicate them, the local council has had to admit defeat.

Now they have reached Beckenham and Bromley, and experts have warned the surge into Kent is under way.



They can devastate oak trees and have a defence mechanism against humans and other animals which leaves those who come into contact with their hairs with nasty rashes that need treatment.

Their 60,000-plus microscopic hairs can be blown in the wind causing serious irritation to the eyes, lungs and skin.

In extreme circumstances it could kill by triggering asthmatic attacks and even anaphylaxis.

The oak processionary moth is known as Thaumetopoea processionea and it's believed to have arrived on our shores from mainland Europe in 2006, in consignments of oak trees.

April sees the caterpillars emerging from eggs and then busy themselves stripping whole oaks bare of leaves in large numbers.

They turn into moths mid-summer to lay their difficult-to-spot eggs.

Worryingly, the Forestry Commission says it is no longer possible to eradicate the species, but is calling on the public to report nest sightings so at least numbers can be minimised.

The white nests are about tennis ball sized.

Plant health scientists say the pesticides used should at least help avoid the species becoming too widespread in England.

Since 2010, the numbers of sightings have increased 102 per cent, in spite of widespread eradication programmes.

Ian Gambles, director of the Forestry Commission, said the public should report sightings, but not try to remove the caterpillars on their own because of the health risks.

He said: "We need, and welcome, reports of the caterpillars or their nests from the public or others, such as gardeners and tree surgeons, who are out and about in areas with oak trees.

"However, the public should not try to remove the caterpillars or nests themselves.

"This task needs to be carefully timed to be most effective, and is best done by specially trained and equipped operators."

Dr Yvonne Doyle, from Public Health England, said: "We strongly advise people not to touch or approach the caterpillars or their nests because of the health risks posed by the toxin-containing hairs. Pets can also be affected and should be kept away as well.

"Anyone who experiences an itchy or painful skin rash or a sore throat and irritated eyes after being near oak trees in these areas should consult their GP or NHS 111.

"We have issued advice to local GPs and health professionals to help them identify when patients have been affected by the caterpillars and to advise them on appropriate treatment."

The caterpillars get their name because they travel in groups nose to tail.



MENACE: The oak moth caterpillar's hairs can cause a rash if they come into contact with skin

LOTTERY

126 new millionaires know county is just the ticket for playing lottery

KENT has been declared one of the luckiest places to live in the UK after boasting 126 National Lottery millionaires.

By using winners' postcodes, it determined the ME code – which covers much of Maidstone, Medway and Swale – is the most fertile for jackpot winners with 35 created by their numbers coming up in the weekly draws.

A National Lottery spokesperson said: "Kent has proved a lucrative county for big National Lottery wins.

"In the past 18 years, the National Lottery has created 126 new millionaires and 1,012 top tier winners, proving lottery luck can live anywhere."

The statistics include those who both opted for and against publicity following their win, and date back to November 1994, when the lottery first launched.

Earlier this year, a ticket purchased in Sevenoaks won its lucky holder a £3m cashpot - although the winner took almost two months before coming forward to claim their prize.

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DA – 32 **(231)** **CT** – 27 **(183)**
Source: National Lottery. Figures from 1994-2013

TRANSPORT

A21 public inquiry due

THE long-awaited public inquiry into the dualling of the A21 near Tunbridge Wells will get under way this week.

Campaigners have been calling for the stretch of road between Pembury and Tonbridge to be widened for years after it was shelved as part of the Coalition's spending review.

Writing inside KoS this weekend, Tunbridge Wells MP Greg Clark said: "I will keep fighting and will take nothing for granted until we see the work begin on the site."

SAFETY

Warning over toxic toys

BANNED children's toys that contain toxic chemicals known to cause cancer, deformities in unborn babies and infertility in men, have been found on sale in Medway.

The 'Fruit-Head' dolls were subject to a Europe-wide recall notice but have been found in a shop in Gillingham. They contain phthalates which can be dangerous if ingested.

POLICE

Human remains found

A PROBE has begun into human remains found buried on a Whitstable housing estate on Thursday.

The area was taped off and forensic experts on the scene after construction workers found the remains on a grassy area in Doggrel Acre, just off Millstrood Road.

The bones have been sent off for tests.

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EVENT

Language no barrier as Esperanto common tongue at top conference

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DELEGATES from 15 nations will descend on Ramsgate this weekend in an event which will be conducted entirely in the international 'common' language of Esperanto.



First created some 125 years to provide one language which could be used to unite the world and aid business and international relations, the seaside town will play host to a major conference at the Kings Theatre to discuss the development of the language.

Exponents say rather than have people learning a multitude of languages to communicate on a global scale, it makes sense for everyone to learn just one common one, that is not English.

Despite its young age, its use is spreading. There have been calls to have it compulsorily taught in all the world's schools.

Both Thanet MPs are Esperanto supporters. Sir Roger Gale, who nominated Esperanto for the Nobel Peace Prize and Laura Sandys, whose father Lord Duncan-Sandys, spoke the language, will attend the opening ceremony.

Sir Roger told KoS: "I can see the value in an alternative common language although, of course, I welcome the fact that English is so widely spoken as to be, for many, a common second language."

More information: Learn.Esperanto.org.uk.

TELEVISION

Ex-Apprentice online

SHE was outspoken on the show - and now she's telling our website just what she thinks of the latest batch of contestants on The Apprentice after it returned to our screens this week.

Sandwich restaurant owner Maria O'Connor, 21, was 'fired' in last year's series by Lord Sugar so knows just what it is like to face the businessman in the boardroom.

Read her views after each episode at www.kentnews.co.uk.

CRIME

'Most wanted' nabbed

A FUGITIVE arrested on charges of attempted murder and kidnap in the US was once on the top ten most wanted list in New York, it has emerged.

Sean Lopes, 47, was arrested in New Road, Chatham, on Monday after an extradition warrant was issued by Westminster Magistrates' Court.

He is wanted on charges of attempted murder and kidnap of a woman, 22, in New York in June 2004.

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POLITICS

Corridors of power 'defection' rumours Hall embarks on a

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POLITICAL insiders say Ukip could be set to see some of its newly elected members defect to the ruling Conservatives.

Whispers in the corridors of power at County Hall suggest one defection could take place within a month and that others may be set to follow.

Yet Ukip insist if any defections are to take place it will be from the Tories to swell their ranks.

It comes a little over a week since a sensational performance at the polls saw Ukip gain 17 seats on Kent County Council and become the main opposition party.

The Tories have an overall majority of six, with 45 seats.

However, Roger Latchford, selected this week as the leader of the KCC Ukip contigent, and himself a former Tory, vehemently denied anyone from his team was about to jump ship.

But leader of KCC Paul Carter said his door "was always open" to good, hard-working representatives.

"It's always nice if people want to join us, but let's just wait and see what happens," he added.

Fellow Tory member Richard Parry, who has served on KCC for Sevenoaks West for eight years, said Ukip defections were "highly possible" but warned the Conservatives should think carefully about who they take on.

Labour's Mike Eddy, who won his seat back in the election, said rumours were rife that new Ukip members were looking to defect.

"A councillor can defect to another party but they keep their seat as an election considers that the person is voted in rather than the party," he explained.

"It will be interesting to see how quickly and how many of them end up going to the Conservatives and how many of them stay the course."

KCC Ukip leader Mr Latchford, a former Conservative councillor on Thanet District Council, said he was "euphoric" at his party's success and ruled out any defections.

"It's total rubbish. There's not a chance any Ukip members will defect to the Conservatives. I can say that with certainty," he said. "The rumour is that more Tories will defect to Ukip."

But Tory stalwart Mr Parry said this was very unlikely.

"Nothing is impossible but I can't imagine or see any of our members defecting," he said.

"Ukip joining the Conservatives is highly possible – in some cases it's a likelihood – but whether they should be allowed to is another matter.

"The Conservatives should think carefully about this and only take them on if they are doing it from a moral and ethical standpoint."

Commenting on Ukip as an opposition, Mr Parry said it would be "fun" but he pointed out concerns.

"I think some of them will have difficulty understanding the way the world works when they have to make a decision," he said. "It's quite different to sit in a bar and put the world to rights than it is to have to make decisions in the real world, to make sure services are delivered – I don't think they understand that at all."

Labour's Mr Eddy admitted he was also worried about Ukip's new position, stating it would be "bad news" for the county.

"Everyone, even Ukip, was surprised at the result," he said.

"A lot of those who have been elected didn't expect to be voted in. Some were on their holidays on the day of the election.

"Some of Ukip will defect to the Tories. There are already rumours in County Hall that one will defect within the month.

"It will be interesting to see how long they stick it. I suspect some of them haven't even signed their declaration of office forms yet – if they don't, there could be some by-elections coming up."

Asked whether Labour, which won 10 seats giving the party a total of 13, and the Lib Dems, which retained seven seats, would team up to form a centre-left coalition opposition to become

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NEW LOOK: With 17 seats on Kent County Council Ukip is now the official opposition at County Hall

the main opponents to the Tories, he said: "It's an interesting idea.

"My personal view is I would like to see how big a hash Ukip manage to make of being in opposition first.

"I suspect that if they start to fall apart perhaps then is the time to start thinking in terms of a coalition.

"But, the people have spoken – they wanted Ukip in reasonable numbers. Let's see what happens."

Mr Latchford, however, was adamant that his party would provide successful opposition.

"We have our key areas; the scrutiny of expenditure within KCC, education of course, grammar schools, immigration – we will be very active in these areas," he said.

"Together we (Ukip and Tories) will work to our very best ability for the people of Kent."

KCC leader Mr Carter said he was confident the two could work well together.

"We'll try to get to know our Ukip colleagues. I know a few of them from when they were Conservative local government councillors," he said. "I think we can work well together. As long as they are a constructive and not destructive opposition."

■ **In last week's KoS we incorrectly said Swale Central's Lee Burgess was a Labour Party member when in fact he was the successful Ukip candidate. We apologise for any confusion caused.**

THE NEW CABINET



Leader of Kent County Council Paul Carter (pictured) has selected the nine members who will form his cabinet alongside him at County Hall.

The re-shuffle has seen a few familiar faces switch responsibilities and two deputy cabinet members promoted as well as changes to portfolios.

One of the biggest changes is the deputy leadership position which has been handed to John Simmonds, who takes over the job from Alex King.

Cllr King has been invited to chair the policy and resources cabinet committee.

Roger Gough, previously cabinet member for business strategy, performance and health reforms, has taken on the education and health reform portfolio.

Former Tory KCC member Mike Whiting previously held the education cabinet position but lost his seat in the May 2 election.

Paul Carter
Leader and member for business strategy, audit and transformation

John Simmonds
Deputy leader and member for finance and procurement
(Previously cabinet member for finance and business support)

David Brazier
Transport and environment
(Previously deputy for environment, highways and waste)

Gary Cooke
Corporate and democratic services
(Previously deputy for education, learning and skills)

Mark Dance
Economic development
(Previously regeneration and economic development)

Graham Gibbens
Adult social services and public health
(No change)

Roger Gough
Education and health reform
(Previously business strategy, performance and health reform)

Mike Hill
Community services
(Previously customer and communities)

Bryan Sweetland
Commercial and traded services
(Previously environment, highways and waste)

Jenny Whittle
Specialist children's services
(No change)

ARTS

Plug pulled on low-key Hop Farm Festival as ticket sales disappoint

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OVER: Plug pulled on festival

THE Hop Farm Festival has been cancelled - just weeks after it unveiled a dramatically scaled down show at the Paddock Wood site.

The event, promoted by Vince Power, now looks set to bow out of the Kent music scene after five years, during which time it failed to make a penny in profit.

It follows the financial collapse of the firm behind last year's show - headlined by Bob Dylan, Peter Gabriel and Suede - which, as we revealed, left many of the main acts and suppliers owed thousands of pounds.

Despite widespread speculation it would be unable to finance a return this year, it announced a dramatically scaled-back event in March. Reduced from a 50,000-capacity to just 10,000 and dropping from three to two days, it was to be headlined by reformed indie band My Bloody Valentine and the little known folk guitarist Rodriguez.

In previous years, the festival has attracted the likes of Prince, Morrissey, Lou Reed, Iggy Pop, Neil Young, Blondie, Van Morrison and Paul Weller.

Vince Power said: "Based on poor ticket sales and the forecast selling rate substantial losses would be made.

"We thank the fans that have supported us over the past five years, it is with great sadness that the decision was made."

Ticket holders will be able to obtain a full refund.

POLICE

Girl, 10, in cop hopscotch row

POLICE say they have spoken to the officer at the centre of a row over a hopscotch grid chalked onto the pavement by a 10-year-old girl outside her Ramsgate home.

The officer had told the child she was committing criminal damage and could be arrested.

The girl's father, Bob Allen, said: "She was upset as she'd thought she was getting into trouble."

TRANSPORT

Rail misery at line problems

RAIL users travelling on the Medway Valley Line found themselves facing problems all week after signalling problmes causing disruption to services between Strood and Tonbridge via Maidstone West.

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POLITICS

Concern immigration reforms will make doctors and landlords new form of UK 'border control'

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FRESH attempts to curb immigration by the Government have been slammed, with critics claiming it will lead to doctors and landlords becoming the new "border control".

The proposals outlined in the Queen's Speech this week include restrictions on the use of NHS services and calling on landlords to police who they rent their properties to (see box off).

But opponents say it will do nothing to ease the strain on Kent's frontline services, while even Ukip leader Nigel Farage dismissed the plans as the Conservatives trying to "talk tough" on immigration after his party gave them a bloody nose in the recent local elections.

The move comes ahead of the lifting of work restrictions for Bulgarians and Romanians.

Although official estimates suggest the number of immigrants coming from the eastern European states will be limited, there is a fear even a slight strain on those using already under pressure public services could bring some to breaking point.

But how to police access to services remains the key concern of many.

"If someone turns up needing health care and they speak good English, who's to say they're English?" said Mike Eddy, Labour member on Kent County Council.

"They won't have a driving licence, passport, three utility bills and all the documents on them required to prove their nationality.

"The reality is, and this will put me at odds with a lot of people, ID cards would be able to tell someone there and then whether they live here.

"To have a proper system, people have to be able to identify themselves."

He said landlords having to check the immigration of tenants would likely lead to problems.

"Landlords have to make sure they're not renting to illegal immigrants. What happens if someone sublets against the agreement?

"What happens if people turn up and have no standard ID? Are British people who don't have a driving licence or passport not able to get accommodation?

"It will end with doctors and landlords policing the system. People in hospitals will be providing border control for the Government when they should be treating patients.

"The saloon bar that Nigel Farage hangs around in and the bar which these reforms were written in seem to be one and the same."

But Mr Farage, leader of Ukip, who lives in Westerham, near Sevenoaks, agreed the reforms would make no difference.

He said: "Not a single thing that was said will stem the flood of pressure on the NHS, primary schools, council services and social benefits when Romanians and Bulgarians come in next year – the Government better pray they don't come."

KCC is planning a report looking at the potential pressure it could cause on services in Kent, particularly primary schools, and how best to prepare for this.

Mr Farage said: "In the short term people will be pleased [with the Government's immigration reforms]; they will think they voted for Ukip and this has made a difference. Soon though, they will see these proposals won't do a thing."

But Conservative MPs have thrown their weight behind the reforms.

Laura Sandys, MP for Thanet South, called them "strong measures".

She said: "Under Labour, immigration spiralled out of control, but this Government has already reduced net immigration by a third.

"The further measures announced will go a long way to ensure our public services are for those that have paid for them all their lives – not for new arrivals."

But Sheona York, a solicitor at the Kent Law Clinic at the University of Kent, said it was just another government blaming immigrants for major economic and social problems.

She said: "Theresa May is only the latest in a long line of home secretaries to propose measures which will effectively shift the burden of immigration control onto others and criminalise their errors, while the agency responsible has so comprehensively failed it faces its third reorganisation in 10 years."



PLANNING: Theresa May

WHAT ARE MAIN CHANGES?

- Migrants' access to the NHS will include restrictions, and short-term migrants will have to contribute to the cost of their NHS care.
- Landlords of private housing will have to check the immigration status of their tenants to stop illegal immigrants moving in.
- Illegal migrants will not get driving licences.
- Businesses which use illegal labour will face increased fines.
- Foreign nationals who commit serious crimes will be deported.



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EDUCATION

Early learning held up as parents fail to potty train school children

By Marijke Cox
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A WORRYING rise in the number of children in the county starting infant school without being toilet trained is forcing teachers to spend more time cleaning up their mess when they should be teaching their class.

The figures, released by Kent health chiefs, also reveal some children are starting school – aged four or five – still wearing nappies.

One east Kent primary said the problem had got so bad they have had to replace the carpet in two classrooms.



Health chiefs have been drafted in to address the growing issue where teachers say they are spending less time teaching and more time dealing with youngsters who have wet themselves.

The Association of Teachers and Lecturers (ATL) told KoS while it could partly be down to children starting school younger – with some going into a primary only just after their fourth birthday – much of it was caused by parents failing to toilet train their youngsters.

An ATL spokesman said: "It ought to be the parents' responsibility but there are some who lack parenting skills or are yet to master them.

"Because the children are in school it's then left to teachers to deal with the situation."

She said, however, there were also now more special educational needs children in maintained schools instead of special schools than before, which might also contribute to the problem.

But health chiefs from the Kent Community Health NHS Trust said the main problem was children not drinking enough during the day and therefore not recognising the feeling of needing to go to the toilet.

They said reliance on products such as 'pull-up' nappies also failed to help the situation where youngsters did not recognise what it felt like to be wet and uncomfortable.

Health visitor practice teacher, Janet Marsh, and school nurse practice teacher Chris Beer, from the NHS trust, said it was a countywide – and national – problem.

They had been contacted by schools saying they were seeing a rising number of children starting school still wearing nappies or not staying dry.

"Teachers were concerned they were spending less time teaching and more time helping the children who were having accidents," said Mrs Beer. "While the odd accident is acceptable, we want to make sure children and parents are supported so children are clean and dry before they start school and are therefore ready to learn.

"It's not that parents don't toilet train, it's just there are a lot of products these days, such as pull-ups, where children don't feel they are wet – not like the old nappies.

"It sends out confused messages to children and they don't recognise when they need to go to the toilet.

"Trying to encourage parents to put them in knickers or pants will help – it's like going cold turkey."

HELPING TO SOLVE THE PROBLEM

A groundbreaking pilot scheme is being rolled out in Dover and Deal – where some 24 children in 18 schools are not toilet trained – looking at tackling the problem.

Called Clean, Dry and Ready for School, the initiative involves school nurses and health visitors working with nurseries and primary schools to identify children who need help with toilet training before starting school and young pupils who are not staying clean and dry throughout the day.

The pilot will run at Warden House Primary School in Deal, Bright Sparks Pre-school in Deal and Shatterlocks Infants School and Nursery in Dover. If successful, it will be rolled out across the county.

Parents with children who do not have underlying medical problems but who struggle to stay dry during the day will be given support.

Children with more complex needs will be referred to the specialist bladder and bowel team at the health trust.

Janet Marsh said: "What we need to do is normalise potty training. We want everyone to have the same advice and support and for people to know where they can get help."

Parents needing support or tips should speak to their health visitor or school nurse.

Schools who need help can call 01304 873590 for more information.



TOILET TRAINING: High numbers of children are starting school still wearing nappies



OLYMPICS

Lord Coe: People of Kent are responsible for ensuring the London 2012 legacy lives on

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HE DELIVERED gold on the track, spearheaded the bid to win the right to host the London 2012 Olympic Games and then oversaw one of the best-organised events in recent times. There is, it would seem, no stopping Sebastian Coe.

And he has called on the people of Kent not to allow the legacy of the Olympic flame to die out.

Speaking to KoS at a fundraising event for military charity Help the Heroes in Maidstone, the former Conservative MP, 56, said it was essential the ideals of London 2012 continue.

He explained: "The Games delivered. Now it is up to the schools and clubs, as well as the communities, to build on that success and give a lasting legacy.

"There is a great structure for sport in place in Kent.

"Historically, the county has always been at the forefront when it comes to athletics and in the lead up to the Games we received excellent support from both Kent County Council and the local authorities.

"Now, to build on what was achieved last summer, it is over to the people of Kent."



ENCOURAGING: Sebastian Coe

Lord Coe was guest of honour at the event at the Mercure Maidstone Great Danes Hotel in Hollingbourne. More than 220 turned up to watch him in conversation and field questions from the audience.

And he told KoS he had fond memories of competing in the county.

"I was bought up in the north of England, so naturally that is where I did most of my running," he explained. "But I took part in cross country races in Kent and also road races. I don't think I ever competed on the track here though.

"But is great to be in the county and great to be supporting the Help For Heroes charity, which does wonderful work."

AN IMPRESSIVE CAREER



Picture: RIA NOVOSTI/WIKI

Sebastian Coe has enjoyed a remarkable career which has seen him excel both on and off the track.

As a middle-distance runner he won four Olympic medals – including gold in the 1980 and 1984 1,500m events.

His rivalry with the likes of Steve Ovett and Steve Cram during the 1980s represent a golden era in British athletics.

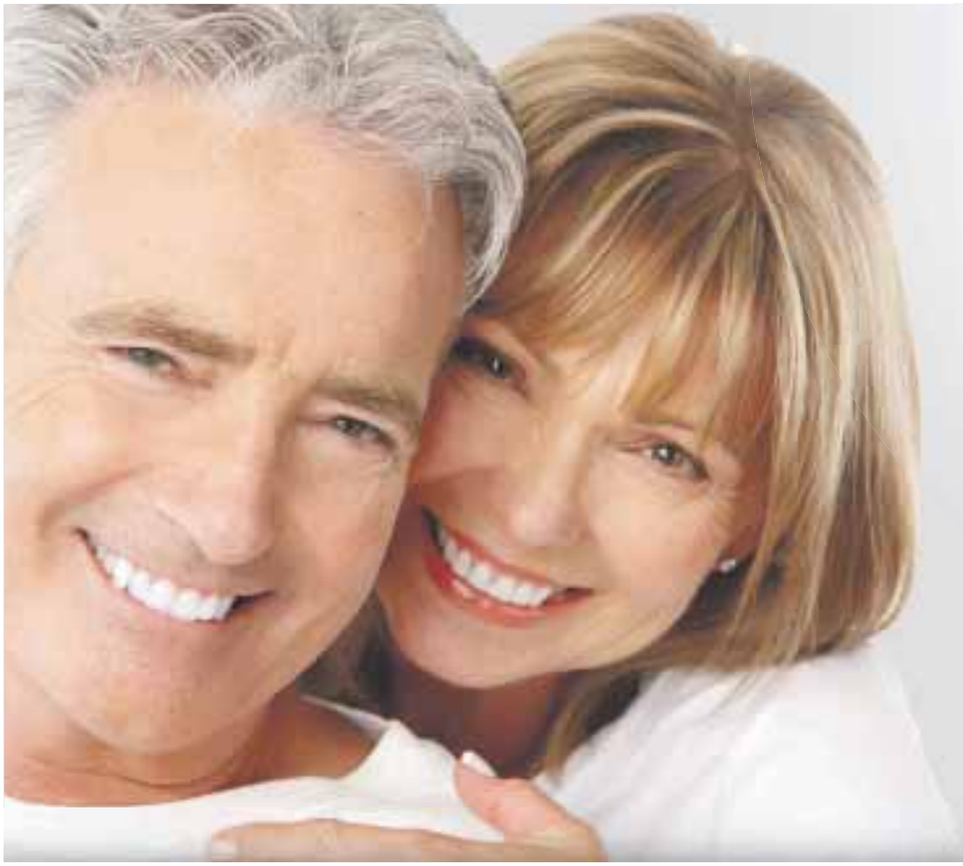
After retiring from the sport he pursued a political career, serving as a Conservative MP for five years from 1992 to 1997 before becoming a peer in 2000.

He returned to prominence when he led the London 2012 bid before becoming chairman of LOCOG – the organising committee for the event.

It was hailed an enormous success.

Today, he serves as an elected vice-president of the International Association of Athletics Federations (IAAF) and is chairman of the British Olympic Association (BOA) in addition to other roles.





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OPINION

Relief at committee's findings but fight to see off Boris Island goes on



Mark Reckless, the MP for Rochester and Strood, gives his views on the plans for a Thames Estuary airport

The Mayor of London and Foster & Partners are not the first to suggest building an airport in the Thames Estuary. The last government did that with Cliffe airport.

That was ruled out, not least on grounds of cost, and these latest reheated proposals lack feasibility just as their predecessors did.

Despite Boris' gung-ho attitude, support for a Thames Estuary airport remains extremely limited.

The substantive report by the Transport Select Committee, published on Friday, which drives a coach and horses through the proposals, follows hot on the heels of the London Assembly's findings that a Thames Estuary airport is not a viable option.

By advocating the Thames Estuary airport, Boris wanted to take the focus off Heathrow expansion, but by backing such an ill-advised, economically and environmentally unfeasible scheme he only succeeded in putting the focus back on Heathrow, although other options may make more sense.

I welcome the decision by the Transport Select Committee to reject a new hub airport in or around the Thames Estuary.

It is a huge boost for the thousands of residents across Medway, particularly those living on the Hoo Peninsula, who are opposed to such proposals.

However, it is important that we stay focused on our ultimate goal of seeing off these pie in the sky plans once and for all.

With cost estimates ranging widely from £70-100 billion, this scheme would not only have added at least £50 to each plane ticket but would also require huge swathes of public subsidy, money which we simply do not have.

Not only would the estuary airport impose a massive financial cost to the nation as a whole, it would devastate Medway and subject many across Kent to constant aircraft noise.

Moreover, Heathrow could not continue to operate alongside a Thames Estuary airport, or airlines would not relocate from Heathrow to a much more expensive and less commercially attractive new airport.

Airlines themselves have indicated that they are not prepared to move to an estuary airport from Heathrow - and are even less willing to pay for such a scheme.

Therefore, for an estuary hub to work, Heathrow would have to be forcibly closed. How this would happen in practice is a question which remains unanswered and it has been suggested taxpayers would have to pay £20bn to compensate Heathrow and associated businesses.

The closure of Heathrow would necessitate a shift of at least 75,000 directly employed staff to a Thames Estuary airport.

No council in peacetime has ever been asked to re-home so many people and the implications of such a task would be almost unimaginable for our area.

The site of the proposed airport is home to many internationally protected wildlife and environmental sites as well RSPB bird and nature sanctuaries.

The likelihood of bird strikes on planes would be far higher than at other airports.

The location chosen for the estuary airport would not only be environmentally devastating, but on the wrong side of London for access from most of the UK, as well as being technically unfeasible in key respects.

Richard Deakin, chief executive of air traffic management association, NATS, pointed out that four runways in the estuary would mean some approaches and departures being over London, compounding noise problems and conflicting with the flight paths of other airports, including Schipol.

There are other far more realistic solutions for increasing airport capacity.

* What do you think of the airport proposals? Email editorial@kosmedia.co.uk or write to: The Editor, KoS, Apple Barn, Smeeth TN25 6SS.



'NOT VIABLE': A number of ideas have been put forward for an estuary airport, including this design by Lord Foster, however even the London Assembly has now spoken against the proposals



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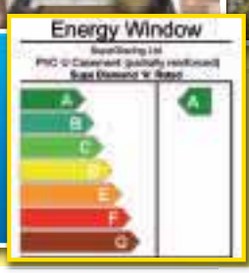
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DEVELOPMENT

Critics slam 'unsustainable development'

But council says ambitious housing plans will create up to 3,000 jobs

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CANTERBURY'S housing chiefs have launched plans to build 15,000 homes in the district during the next 17 years.

And they say plans could move swiftly after the Ministry of Defence admitted it was keen to secure a swift sale of the Howe Barracks site. It was confirmed earlier this year the barracks would be closing.

But the plans are not without their critics, with political opponents and countryside campaigners speaking out against the proposals.

Development sites have been outlined in south Canterbury, Hersden, Sturry, Herne Bay and Whitstable with a rate of growth set at around 780 houses a year. The city council believes developing new business sites in addition to housing will create up to 3,000 jobs.

Head of planning and regeneration at Canterbury City Council, Ian Brown, said: "We need to make sure we set out a clear strategy for the future of the district. Through providing new sites there will be new places for people to do business and housing for new people coming to these new jobs and for the community as well."

The proposed site in south Canterbury could include up to 4,000 houses and a new road junction onto the A2.

Planning chiefs have also discussed the possible development of an eastern by-pass running from Sturry all the way down to the south Canterbury junction connecting the A2 and A28.

This could be possible by developing the now redundant Howe Barracks.

Mr Brown said: "A lot of people have said it would be a great idea to get traffic out of the centre of the city, but we need to work out how to achieve that.

"People have spoken about the eastern bypass for as long as I have been in Canterbury, but the problem has been that in the middle is the MoD land which wasn't even potentially available."

The MoD land has also been outlined as a potential area for housing development, as has the recently closed Canterbury prison.

Mr Brown added: "We have talked to the MoD and it's fair to say they are keen to move forward and dispose of some of the land as quickly as possible. It's no secret they have talked to the golf club next door and there is a site of special scientific interest so it would be of very little development value and there would be a presumption against development.

"The areas we will probably look at are the barracks buildings themselves for development. It could maybe take 300 to 400 houses overall."

Leader of the opposition at Canterbury council, Lib Dem Alex Perkins, has criticised the new plans, claiming the amount of new buildings proposed is unnecessary.

He said: "Canterbury just grows and grows and grows. We desperately need houses in the south east, but the question is how many and where. Why does there have to be 4,000 in a greenfield site in south Canterbury? There are lots of brownfield sites available and we should be using those first.

"I wouldn't build as many, 500 a year maximum is enough."

Environment watchdog Protect Kent, the local arm of Campaign to Protect Rural England, believes building on greenfield sites will have a negative impact on the area and will continue urban sprawl until the city engulfs smaller outlying villages.

Spokesman Jamie Weir said: "We are extremely concerned by the proposals to build a large, strategic development on the outskirts of southern Canterbury. This is designated an Area of High Landscape Value and would be both visually intrusive and detrimental to the setting of the city. The scale of this proposed development is excessive for the size of the city and will detrimentally impact the historic nature of the city.

"The proposed development in this area would result in unsustainable development and the loss of high quality agricultural land."

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DEVELOPMENT

Exhibition reveals an exciting future for airport

Proposals outline opportunity to create as many as 1,000 jobs, **Chris Murphy** finds out more

THE future of Rochester Airport looks assured as long term plans for a major high-tech business zone are revealed.

And you'll get the opportunity to take a closer look at the proposals courtesy of an exhibition staged this week in Chatham.

It sets out the vision for plans which should create up to 1,000 jobs.

Medway Council's cabinet agreed before Christmas to begin the process of drawing up a master plan for the airport that will form the basis for any future development. The exhibition will update businesses and residents on how proposals are taking shape with staff on hand to answer questions.

The authority's deputy leader, Alan Jarrett, said: "This exhibition will bring residents and businesses up to date on our proposals to secure the future of the Rochester Airport site for generations to come

"It will be the first of many opportunities for comments to be made on these exciting proposals, which ultimately will form the basis for any future planning application.

"I would encourage both residents and businesses, especially those living near the airport, to come along and help us to shape how best to protect the site and open it up for business, tourism and the wider community."

Available to see will be displays giving an initial vision for the future of the site.

All the comments received over the two days will be fed into the process to produce a final master plan, setting out the council's ambitions for the site. A further public consultation event will take place later in the summer.



EXPANSION: The Rochester Airport development plans include reconfiguring the runways

The two-day event is next door to the 1930s-built airfield at the Innovation Centre, off Maidstone Road, Chatham, from 10.30am to 8pm on Monday and Tuesday, May 13-14.

ALL CHANGE

First established in 1933, the Rochester Airport site is owned by Medway Council and has been leased since 2000 to an airport operator – Rochester Airport Limited.

Proposals, revealed last autumn, involve replacing many of the existing buildings and facilities on the airport and a reconfiguration of the existing runways.

One of the grass runways will be closed and replaced with a new parallel grass and paved runway. The paved runway will allow modern small aircraft to take off and climb to a higher altitude very quickly, reducing the impact of noise on surrounding homes.

The grass runway allows the Medway Aircraft Preservation Society to continue to use the site for heritage aircraft and open days. Rumours of a full-scale commercial passenger carrying airport, are denied.

The revised runway layout permits the 29 acres near to Rochester Airport Industrial Estate to be developed as a new hub for science or technology related firms, creating that burst of new jobs.

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Cutting down of protected trees results in £12,000 fine

A 39-year-old who ordered ten protected trees on ancient woodland near his house to be cut down, has been fined £12,000.

Lee Oliver Rowswell of Manor Drive in Hartley, pleaded guilty to felling protected trees after Sevenoaks District Council took legal action against him.

In October last year, the council was alerted that tree felling was taking place in ancient woodland next to Rowswell's home.

The woodland dates back to at least 1600 and many of the trees took hundreds of years to grow.

In ecology terms, some wildlife supported by the wood is irreplaceable.

Because of this, the site was given Tree Preservation Order status by the council in 2005.

During its investigation, the council's tree officer found many oak and ash trees had been cut down with only stumps and a pile of felled trunks remaining.

The felling took place in a publicly visible area and this had a significant impact on the surroundings.

Rowswell admitted under caution that he had ordered his builders to carry out the works.

Giving evidence, the council told the court Rowswell had been made fully aware of his legal duties to notify the authority before any works took place. It also stressed Rowswell had not contacted them.

Rowswell was fined £12,000, ordered to pay £800 in costs to Sevenoaks District Council together with a standard £120 victims' surcharge. He has subsequently planted replacement trees.

RETAIL

Margate store shuts up shop after 27 years

JEWELLERY firm F Hinds has confirmed it will be shutting its store in Margate High Street after 27 years.

It will close for good on June 22.

Property director Neil Hinds said: "The steady decline of trade in the town over the past decade or so has finally made the shop unviable and we recently decided that it was not possible to continue. We are really disappointed to be leaving Margate."

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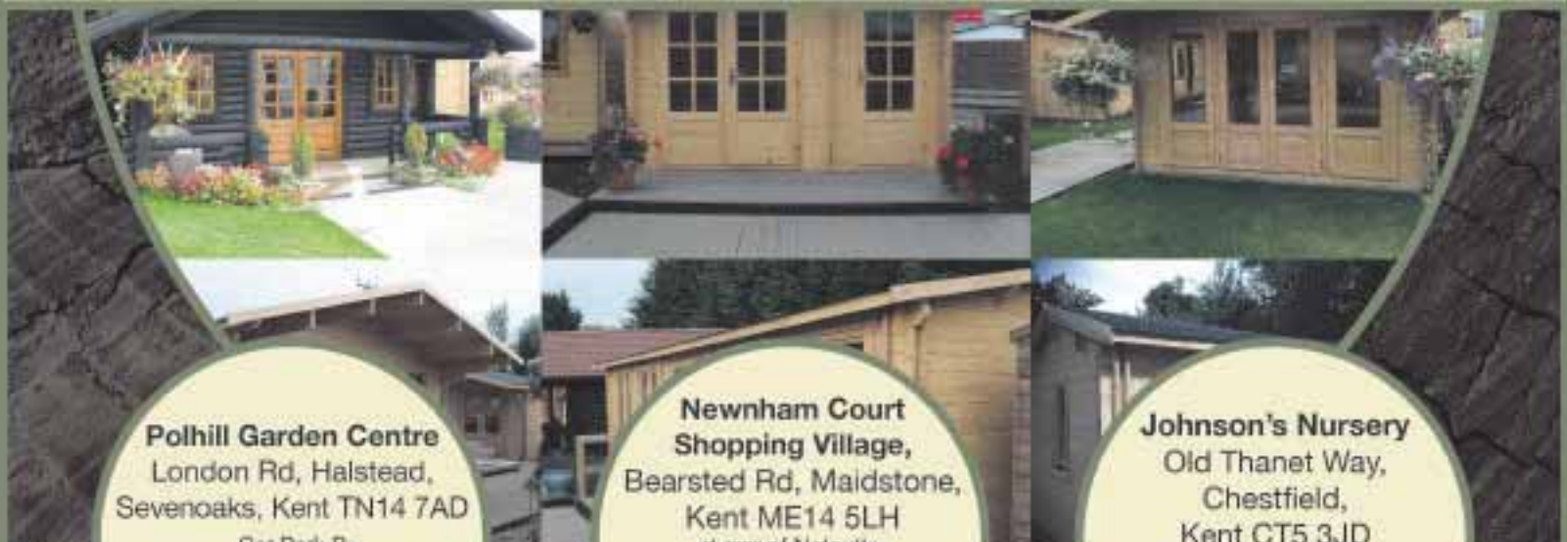
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REGENERATION

Seaside town awaits TV show as results of Portas' efforts remain a mystery

By Chris Murphy
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TOWN chiefs in Margate admit they have no idea how the town will be portrayed when it has a starring role in a Channel 4 TV series this week.

It was one of a number of declining town centres selected by the Government to be so-called Portas Pilot towns.

The initiative is being spearheaded by retail guru Mary Portas, the self-styled Queen of Shops who was appointed by Prime Minister David Cameron to conduct an independent report into the future of our high streets.

Not only did each town receive a £100,000 cash-pot, but they received expert help from the likes of Ms Portas herself.

However, since the projects started last year, few details have emerged on the schemes in place or how the money is being spent.

Instead, it has remained a tightly guarded secret prior to the airing of the TV show – which will follow the fortunes of a number of towns.

Margate was one of the locations chosen among the initial pilot towns along with Dartford - subsequently Ashford was added to the list, although neither of the latter will appear as part of Mary Queen of the High Street, which first hit the screens on Tuesday.

And those involved in the town admit they have no inkling of how they will be portrayed as Channel 4 was keeping its cards close to its chest.

However, a spokesman did reveal a key strategy of Ms Portas is to use the popularity of the Turner Contemporary to drive visitors to its high street.

A Channel 4 spokesman said: "Mary believes there might be an opportunity to capitalise on this existing footfall – if only visitors could be encouraged up the high street – but from the off things don't go smoothly."

Local artist Tracey Emin also features, transforming a sweet shop into a souvenir shop.

The inclusion of the television staff has not been a comfortable one since the start, with Ms Portas threatening to leave Margate unless TV cameras for her show were allowed in. There has also been criticism at the lack of money spent from the £100,000 the town was awarded.

Wendy James from the Margate Town Team explained to KoS: "I believe the last filming was done on October 20, when Poportunity, a local pop-up shop, opened, so it won't include anything from the past six months.

"We have no idea what will be in the programme, not even if it will present a positive or negative image of Margate. But we will try and be prepared for the inevitable media interest after its broadcast."

The seaside town encapsulates many of the problems facing today's retail centres. Hit hard by the creation of the Westwood Cross out-of-town complex in Broadstairs – which took away many big names and the bulk of the shoppers – the town has seen its once thriving centre slump, with empty shops and a lack of public support.

However, things are apparently on the up.

Already the town team is boasting 12 new tenants, and they have still not dipped deeply into their Portas money.

Farmer Richard Ash is chairman of the town team. He explained: "It's not all down to the Portas cash – it is a mixture of that and the hard work the volunteers on the team do for this area. It has helped give people confidence in the town but the bulk of our success comes at no cost to this fund, at the moment."

There are, however, plans to use the Portas money.

He adds: "We are criticised for not spending it, but I know we will be criticised for spending it all only for an even better project idea to crop up a little way down the road.

"Councils were told when they were given the money to spend it wisely rather than spend it fast, and that's what we are doing."

To see how Margate gets on, you can watch Mary Queen of the High Street on C4 on Tuesday, May 14, at 9pm.





MAKE-OVER: Mary Portas offered her expertise to Margate town centre as part of a drive to improve ailing high streets

'WE HAVEN'T GONE OUT AND BLOWN THE MONEY'

Dartford and Ashford were both named as towns selected to be part of the Portas project.

So far, Dartford council has spent a little over £25,000 of its funding.

Council leader Jeremy Kite said: "We knew the money would not salvage our high street. We have used it to lever in extra money."

He said outside organisations, such as the Royal Opera House, were planning projects in Dartford as a result of the scheme.

He added: "We want to bring people into the town for reasons other than shopping on the basis that once they are there, they will go into the shops. We haven't gone out and blown the money. We are investing it trying to get other companies, retailers and partners to come in and help us."

According to Dartford Town Team, the scheme has helped attract more than £300,000 of additional funding or services-in-kind.

Ashford, meanwhile, has so far not spent a penny.

A spokesman explained: "The council has not spent any of the capital funding, but we have significantly increased our resources to support the town centre, and are in the process of appointing a town team manager to assist delivery of the Portas projects."

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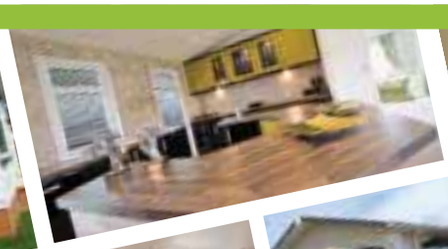
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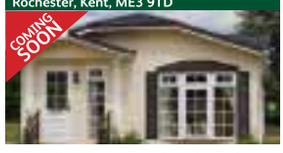


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TELEVISION

Mum's wise words rewarded as rocker Adam prepares for battle on The Voice

By Joe Bill
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MILLIONS of TV viewers will get the chance to see if Adam Barron can battle his way through to the next round of BBC One's The Voice this weekend.

Speaking prior to Saturday night's programme, the Chatham singer, who with his long, wild-man hair, rocker roots and eclectic taste in music, seems far removed from the regular TV talent show performer, says he had to get over his own preconceptions before applying.

The 27-year-old said: "Over a year ago my Mum said there was this new show coming out on the BBC, and I should go for it.

"At the time I said no as I thought it was going to be another one of those shows I don't really like, so I didn't do it.

"Then I watched it and I thought the concept was really good; from what you could see it looked like they really valued the artists.

"It was credible, there was some real talent on the show and there was some incredible talent on the coaching panel. That convinced me."



The judges are leading figures in the music industry: the legendary Sir Tom Jones, performer and producer Will.i.am, pop star Jessie J and Danny O'Donoghue, lead singer with chart-toppers The Script.

And when Mr Barron appeared in the blind auditions – where judges hear only the singer's voice as they listen with their backs to the performer – it was Jessie J who turned around to ensure he made it to the next round.

Taking time out of his day job at Maidstone publishing company Mix Media, the former Gravesend Grammar School student added: "The blind audition itself was a very strange experience. The studio audience was around 800 and then the coaches were there.

"At that stage I wasn't really thinking about the millions who were going to watch it later.

"As the series has now been on and we have seen my first appearance it has been going crazy, it starts to get a bit more real.

"Actually seeing yourself on primetime BBC One Saturday night TV was insane."

The performer has gigged performing his own music and cover versions around pubs in the local area for a number of years.

He said: "I have been working full time too and just gigging because I need to, not so much for the money, but the fact that if I don't do it there's like an itch I have got to scratch."

Mr Barron, who goes by the nickname 'Teen Wolf' hopes to perform 70s rock, soul and Motown-style music in his future career – a world away from his pop icon team leader Jessie J.

He said: "She is amazing. I didn't know a lot about her beforehand.

"Musically she is about as far away from me as you can get, but I was incredibly, pleasantly surprised.

"She is passionate and she is a real student of music and singing. I have learned a lot from her, even simple techniques, and how to use your voice to get the best out of it.

"She is a really honest, straight-up person and gives a lot of herself to the people she works with when realistically she doesn't have to."

Mr Barron is one of 12 on Jessie's team and has been having private lessons with the pop star. He has also enjoyed mixing it with Sir Tom Jones and Will.i.am

"I bump into them every now and then which is strange. It's weird enough seeing them when you're on stage, but when you see them just walking down the corridor it is quite ridiculous.

"I have listened to Tom Jones since I was a child, and his albums are still in my car.

"From listening to him in my car one minute, to the next he's walking past me in the corridor saying hello, is rather surreal."



ROCK ON: Adam was picked by The Voice judge Jessie J to be on her team in the popular TV show

EVENT

PCC Barnes to answer hate crime questions

POLICE and Crime Commissioner Ann Barnes will form part of a panel of crime and social issue experts discussing the issue of hate crimes this week.

The Question Time-style event has been organised by students at the University of Kent in Canterbury and will be held on the campus on Wednesday. It will tackle the thorny issue of whether enough is being done to crack-down on such crimes.

She will be joined on the panel by Thanet Independent group leader John Worrow and former London Assembly member, and co-chair of the Lib Dems' justice and equalities committee, Baroness Hamwee.

The event will coincide with the 2013 International Day against Homophobia and Transphobia. on May 15.

Student Kevin McNamara, who organised the event, said: "I thought it was a great chance to open a dialogue about hate crimes which is arguably one of the few big barriers that lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people still face."



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KOS COMMENT

Tunbridge Wells can hold their heads high – as can the thousands of fans who descended on Wembley to create a carnival atmosphere.

From the minute the doors of the Tube trains opened at Wembley Park, there were chants, flags, scarves and wigs as the red and white of Tunbridge Wells took a foothold in north London for the afternoon.

Along Wembley Way families and friends made their way towards the home of football dreaming of watching their town emerge triumphant. In the end, it didn't matter. Spennymoor were the better team and deserved their victory. But Tunbridge Wells gave their all and the fans loved every minute.

The atmosphere was vibrant courtesy of the dominant Tunbridge Wells end, and when the team pulled themselves level with an exceptional shot from the edge of the area, it was hard not to imagine 90,000 people were surrounding you.

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SPORT

Wells' Wembley dream ends with thrilling final in front of thousands

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THEY came out in their thousands and sang and cheered themselves hoarse as Wembley Stadium was transformed into a suburb of Tunbridge Wells last weekend.

Some 16,751 fans roared on the final of the FA Vase cup competition as the Kent League outfit – more used to playing in front of crowds of 150 – took on Durham side Spennymoor Town.

Underdogs before the game kicked off, Tunbridge Wells battled hard throughout the 90 minutes, and were only undone by a late goal which handed Spennymoor a 2-1 victory.

But despite not lifting the trophy, the day will remain memorable for all of those who attended and for the amateur players who fulfilled a dream of playing in the national stadium.



AMAZING DAY: Excited fans cheer on Tunbridge Wells at Wembley, centre right, goalscorer Josh Stanford in action

Club manager Martin Larkin, 32, admitted he shed some tears during the momentous day.

He explained: "We were almost there but weren't quite good enough.

"There were a few tears in the dressing room afterwards.

"The second half we really grew into it. The noise when the goal went in will be something I will remember for a long time."

Skipper Jason Bourne added: "It was magical, I hope all the fans go away with memories that will last forever."

The club were due to have a civic reception in their honour at the offices of Tunbridge Wells Borough Council this weekend.

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EVENT

Hellfire Corner is all set for biggest invasion of military vehicles as event finds new home

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ON JULY 17 a little bit of history will be made. Because for the first time in 25 years the country's foremost military vehicle event will not be staged in the grounds of the Hop Farm in Paddock Wood.

Instead, the biggest invasion of trucks, tanks and cars will infiltrate Folkestone Racecourse – or, as it was once known, RAF Westenhanger.

The War and Peace Show – or War and Peace Revival as it has been renamed this year – is expected to pull in crowds of some 100,000.

And in its new setting – horse racing at the track was suspended last year by the circuit's owners – organiser Rex Cadman's hopes are high.

He explains to KoS: "It costs around £750,000 to put on and we just about break even to be truthful. But now with this new location I hope we can start to move into profit."

Mr Cadman and his team lease the site from Arena Racing Corporation and have carried out large scale renovations. He said: "It was in a pretty bad state when we took over but it will be a great venue. When we came here it was just the buildings that were standing – all the fittings and carpets we have had to install.

"But it has been worth it.



ENTHUSIAST: Organiser Rex Cadman personally owns around 150 vehicles

"The grandstand provides excellent views of the area where the vehicles will be displayed and the re-enactments take place. For the first time the event will be shown on closed circuit TV, so visitors can have a beer in the bar while they watch what's going on."

Southern England's largest outdoor event started off 31 years ago with a small gathering of military vehicle enthusiasts at the Kent and East Sussex Railway in Tenterden.

"There were about 100 exhibitors and it's grown to the thousands we have now," said Mr Cadman, who started off his collection of around 150 military vehicles when he bought a jeep and became involved in the show in 1989.

"Since then it has grown and grown to the point where it is unmatched anywhere else in the world," he said. "It is the premier gathering for military vehicle enthusiasts and re-enactors. Our biggest rival is about 10 per cent the size of our event."

Another aspect which attracted the War and Peace Revival team to its new site was east Kent's military history and heritage.

"We are in Hellfire Corner, the part of Britain which took such a pounding in World War Two," said Mr Cadman. "Appropriately, we have five re-enactments of the conflict in the show."

The racecourse itself was once, officially, RAF Westenhanger, housing an Army co-operation squadron equipped with Auster reconnaissance aircraft.

In the lead up to D-Day it was used as a decoy airfield with mock-up aircraft on the ground as the Allies fooled the Germans into thinking the landings would take place in the Calais area, just across the Channel.

The show has not been without its controversies, with criticism from some quarters over the wearing of Nazi uniforms.

Mr Cadman has sought to ensure extremists are kept out, but added: "You cannot have World War Two re-enactments without Germans. But we are about the ordinary soldier, British, US, Russian or German. They all went through the same thing.

"The show is not about glorifying war – it is to entertain and educate people, as well as providing a yearly get together for like-minded people who fly in from across the world."

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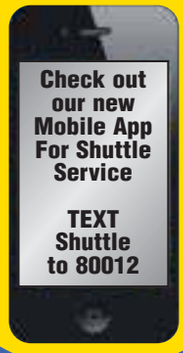




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King Arthur's decisive battles on the Downs

By Nick Ames
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TALES of King Arthur and the Knights of the Round Table are most commonly associated with the West Country.

The castle at Tintagel in Cornwall, Glastonbury Abbey and its tor, Winchester and the small village of Camelford all have their associations with the legendary figure who may or may not have existed some time between the Romans leaving these shores and the early Middle Ages.

But Kent has its own Arthurian legend with Dover and Canterbury playing a part in arguably the most romantic story in English literature – and part of the rural downland the setting for a climactic battle between good and evil.

Sir Thomas Malory's Le Morte d'Arthur was published in 1485 by William Caxton and has most of the classic ingredients of the traditional story of the once and future king. The tale roughly follows Guinevere and her adulterous affair with Sir Lancelot, the round table, the quest for the Holy Grail and the court of Camelot.

It has inspired books, comics, TV dramas, computer games, films, operas, Monty Python and a concept album by Rick Wakeman.

The work details the final battles between Arthur and his illegitimate son Mordred – placing one such encounter along the North Downs at Barham, south east of Canterbury just off the Dover road, now an area of rolling farmland dotted with clumps of trees.

The following lines, roughly translated into modern English, are from Book XXI, Chapter II of Malory's work: "Then was it told the king that Sir Mordred had pight a new field upon Barham Down.

"And upon the morn the king rode thither to him, and there was a great battle betwixt them, and much people was slain on both parties; but at the last Arthur's party stood best and Sir Mordred and his party fled unto Canterbury."

Malory's story has Arthur in France fighting his one-time best friend Lancelot, who had rescued Guinevere when details of their affair had become known and the king had decided to burn her for treason.

His rescue attempt resulted in the deaths of two brothers of Sir Gawaine; Sir Gaheris and Sir Gareth. As a result, Sir Gawaine encouraged



LEGENDARY: King Arthur is said to have met Sir Mordred in battle at Barham Down. Above is an illustrated copy of Tennyson's Arthur tale

Arthur to pursue Lancelot to his castle in France, and was then injured in the fighting.

Meanwhile, back in England, Malory recounts how Mordred spread rumours of Arthur's death and had himself crowned at Canterbury.

A furious Arthur lands at Dover, where disaster strikes: "Then there was launching of great boats and small, and full of noble men of arms; and there was much slaughter of gentle knights, and many a full bold baron was laid full low, on both parties.

"But King Arthur was so courageous that there might no manner of knights let him to land, and his knights fiercely followed him; and so they landed Sir Mordred and all his power, and put Sir Mordred aback, that he fled and all his people.

"So when this battle was done, King Arthur let bury his people that were dead. And then was noble Sir Gawaine found in a great boat, lying more than half dead."

Gawaine, weak from wounds sustained in France, dies and according to legend his heart is then interred in the crypt at Dover Castle.

The fighting then moves on to the Downs, before Arthur chases his son west to their final confrontation.

A spokeswoman for the Arthurian Centre, which is located in Cornwall close to a place called Slaughterbridge which claims to be the site of Arthur's fatal wounding at the hands of Mordred, said: "Arthur landing at Dover and fighting in Kent does make a sort of sense – with the final battle then being in our part of the country.

"But there is no concrete evidence either way and Geoffrey of Monmouth, writing centuries earlier, put all the battles in the west of England."

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OPINION

Public inquiry is a big step

Greg Clark, the Conservative MP for Tunbridge Wells, considers why the dualling of the A21 is not just necessary, but essential

THIS week marks a milestone in the campaign to get the A21 in west Kent turned into a dual carriageway between Tonbridge and Pembury, as the public inquiry into the dualling scheme begins.

Anyone who has travelled on the A21 knows what a nightmare this area of road is.

Despite the fact it is the principal link between the M25 and the south coast in west Kent and East Sussex, the road suddenly becomes little more than a narrow, twisty country lane as it leaves Tonbridge.

Drivers – whether travelling north or south along modern, well-lit dual carriageways – are abruptly plunged into a narrow, dark and dangerous section of single carriageway.

The case for dualling the road is overwhelming.

Over 35,000 vehicles travel through this section of the A21 every day. At peak times, the traffic comes to a halt, and anyone who has used the road will have experienced the frustration of sitting in interminable nose to tail traffic.

It is an impediment to anyone doing business in or around Tunbridge Wells, and adds many hours a year to the working days of people who need the road to get to and from work.

And it's not just Tunbridge Wells that suffers. The A21 is the main road link to Hastings, and this bottleneck is a serious drag on the economic prospects of that important town too.

The A21 between Tonbridge and Pembury is an appalling accident blackspot. In the last five years, this section has seen 71 accidents involving people being injured. In three of them people have been killed.

In fact, the average accident rate for this stretch of road is nearly double the national average for roads of this type.

We cannot go on allowing people to be maimed or killed on a road that should not have been allowed to be so dangerous.

And with the new Tunbridge Wells Hospital at Pembury situated virtually on the A21, it is more important than ever that the ambulance and vehicle links to our main A&E facility are safe, swift and reliable.

The scheme is an important environmental improvement too. The emissions by cars are at their worst when vehicles are idling in traffic jams. This pollution arises not just on the route itself, but elsewhere in Tunbridge Wells.

Because the A21 delays are so notorious, more cars and lorries use the A26 through Southborough and Tunbridge Wells to avoid it. This causes congestion and exhaust fumes to blight a residential area, to the point that air quality is poor. A dualled A21, by taking even a few vehicles off the A26, means traffic will flow more freely, giving respite to residents.



I will take nothing for granted until we see work begin on the site

So this public inquiry is of huge importance to almost everyone in our area. Along with getting the new hospital built, it has been my biggest campaign since I was elected as Tunbridge Wells MP in 2005.

I brought together an A21 pressure group. Through this we fought off numerous attempts to downgrade the priority of the A21 dualling. We finally succeeded in establishing the scheme as one of only six in the country to be built as soon as funding becomes available.

But we also argued that we should get the public inquiry under way now to speed up the process so that it is ready to go as soon as possible.

Our destination is in sight, as the public inquiry opens.

I will keep fighting and will take nothing for granted until we see the work begin on site. But in the meantime, this is a big step forward for the people of our area.

KOS COMMENT

Let us see this airport plan off once and for all

ALMOST exactly a year to the day after we launched our anti-Thames Estuary airport campaign and common sense is at last prevailing.

The next step is making sure the Government sits up and takes notice, that it listens not only to its own people but to us here in Kent; to what we've been saying from the start – that an estuary airport is a flawed plan.

People shouldn't have to live with the uncertainty on an estuary airport constantly hanging over them, blighting their lives.

This has been a moment to celebrate, but let's not take our eye off the ball. We need to make sure that not only is the battle won, but the war is too; for all for future generations.

Lottery's Lady Luck

APPARENTLY Kent is one of the luckiest places to live when it comes to winning a signficant sum of money on the National Lottery.

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Legal action against litter

I READ with annoyance the article about the ongoing issue of litter and the lacklustre attitude of Kent County Council. Litter appears to be a sudden problem of 2013.

I have been campaigning locally and nationally to get changes made in a legislative way and to get the government to introduce a deposit system on all drinks bottles and to highlight to individuals to take out Litter Abatement Notices against the Highways Agency, something they do not want because it is politically embarassing for them.

At a national level nobody wants to take a hard line on litter and at a county level likewise.

Ten years ago I was asked by KCC to attend a meeting with the Highways Agency as a complaining resident to get it to clear litter from its road network.

At the time the HA agreed to a clean and KCC, under its umbrella of the Clean Kent Campaign, agreed to monitor the progress.

In summary, 10 years on, the whole county road network is heavily littered, the Highways Agency is doing the bare minimum and NOT executing its statutory duties under the Environment Protection Act 1990.

The current HA business plan makes no reference to litter or management of litter. HA is simply not interested and KCC is reacting to public opinion for political reasons. The whole issue stinks of lack of interest coupled with a clear flouting of the law, which is quite clear about the removal of litter.

The A2 near Canterbury is nothing more than a filthy linear dustbin and I have threatened the HA with several litter abatement notices. This approach works and I would suggest all concerned about litter should hit the Highways Agency, KCC and the local boroughs with one. Litter abatement notice information can be found online at www.litteraction.org.uk.

Litter removal and clean roads in Kent and Britain is not a privilege, it is a statutory legal requirement.

Kent County Council get tough. You have the Clean Kent Campaign funded by the county taxpayer and it is time you demonstrated you are serious about the litter problem.

Brian Reynolds, Gravesend

Tesco broke its promise

FOLLOWING on from the article entitled 'Tesco conundrum: Is it saint or sinner' in KoS, I would like to express my concern over the aforementioned supermarket's actions in Strood South, the ward I represent as a councillor.

Many residents in my ward had expressed concern over the building of a new flagship Tesco store, as the impact of this could be catastrophic for independent local businesses.

I recently presented a petition at the full council meeting following the concern raised by residents against noise pollution caused by Tesco trucks off-loading goods late into the night.

However, Tesco recently decided to put this proposed construction on hold, perhaps due, as the article refers, to 'a highly costly [£1.2 billion] foray into the US market'.

This foray caused Tesco construction to lean towards their Express stores, rather than superstores, and we saw this in Strood South with the conversion of a former pub in Darnley Road into a Tesco Express.

The Tory Medway Council had planned to modernise Strood town centre, with Tesco providing key infrastructure and a library, worth around £1 million to residents. The halting of Tesco's superstore construction has jeopardised the future of Strood.

In response to this, Cllr Alan Jarrett has promised a so-called development fund of £300,000 for Strood, but I am very sceptical about what this money is going to be used for.

Tesco seems to be too big of an organisation to worry about the impact of their actions, or inactions, on local communities. The Tory councillors fell over themselves when Tesco came knocking, and they were wooed and charmed by what turned out to be broken promises.

I hope in the future we can encourage corporations to exercise more social responsibility and to look out for the interests of local businesses and communities.

Isaac Igwe, councillor for Strood South

Height claims were a folly

I WAS interested to read that, at 64 metres, the recently restored Hadlow Tower "is the tallest folly in Britain".

However, within day-trip distance is Peterson's Tower at Sway in Hampshire, two metres higher at 66 metres, and further away, unless Yorkshire is no longer in Britain, the magnificent Wainhouse Tower in Halifax, Yorkshire, which at 84 metres outdoes Hadlow by a full 20 metres and is claimed to be the tallest folly in the world.

Peterson's Tower also has another claim to fame; it was one of the first concrete high-rise buildings and at the time of its construction was the tallest concrete structure in the world. Peterson claimed the design was by the deceased Sir Christopher Wren who was channelled through the medium and founder of the Girlingite religion (also known as the Hampshire Shakers) Mary Ann Girling.

David Girling, Gillingham

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The fatal distraction of mind-reading

By **GREG MILES**

Chris Cox promises to leave his audience wondering



Picture: RICH HARDCASTLE

FROM balancing on Jonathan Ross's shoulders to hopping on one leg, you can make Chris Cox do anything you want when you put your mind to it – so long as you don't ask him to make a tiger disappear.

The Bristolian has taken the brave, if not dangerous, step of coming up with a show where the content is down to the audience and his powers to read their thoughts. Sceptical?

Well, so is Cox, who proudly confesses to being the only mind-reader who can't actually read minds but still promises to leave you spellbound.

He is bringing his show, Fatal Distraction, which has a romantic comedy narrative, to the Gulbenkian in Canterbury on Friday in the second leg of a UK tour, having debuted it at the Edinburgh Festival last summer.

'People control me with their thoughts. It's a bit like a magic romantic comedy.'

"It is in essence a mind-reading and magic show," he said. "It's all mind-reading and influencing and psychology, but a proper theatrical show. It's a set with loads of audience participation. People control me with their thoughts. In a not-rubbish way, it's a bit like a magic version of a romantic comedy.

"There's a whole section where if there's anything you want me to do, then is the time to think about it. It can involve me doing strange dances."

Understandably, that's his favourite part, but it can vary depending on what mood the audience is in.

"They simply sit and think – that's my favourite bit of the show because I don't know what's going to happen," he said. "That's where the danger is – is this going to work?

"I had a good one at the Udder Belly in London when Jonathan Ross came with his family. He wanted me to sit on his shoulder like a baby, and as I did that he stood up and walked around the theatre, which is when I thought I was going to die.

"The mere fact I have managed to decipher the thought makes it more interesting. It's one of those things where I like people to think about it before so they can prepare. It worries me that someone might come up with something hugely illegal, though."

So how do you become a mind-reader without being able to read minds?

"I started doing it properly when I was doing my GCSEs," he said. "I was into magic and did psychology at school. I always wanted to do a show at Edinburgh Festival and so I did with a bit of my student loan I had saved up.

"My idea was to come up with something very different to any mind-reading show.

"I come at it from a hugely sceptical standpoint. I'm very honest that I can't do anything I say I do – I'm the mind-reader who can't read minds. I'm one of the biggest sceptics out there.

"It's all about how it's handled. I can understand why someone wants to see a person who can contact the dead – maybe they're a con-artist. They are giving someone false hope. I try to keep an open mind, while being a sceptic. People can believe what they want – who am I to impose a belief on someone?

"I would like to hope that by crediting the audience with some intelligence they can grow with you. By being open and honest about what I'm doing, I can make it as entertaining as it can be. It's coming at it from a different way."

'My show is a mixture of psychology, body language, devilish good looks and lying

It is a far cry from a traditional magician with an assistant, some live animals and a big cloak, which Cox is keen to steer well clear of.

"If you see a show where they saw a woman in half, you know it's not real," he said. "If I play with people's minds, there's still scope for wondering.

"For me it's all about performance, and I love the interaction I get and how intimate it is. Coming out in a lycra outfit and bad perm, saying 'Here's a tiger – watch it disappear', leaves me cold.

"I couldn't think of what I would do with it to make it unique. Where do you go from having a tiger disappear? You could start with a cat, then a tiger and a helicopter, but it's the same trick.

"My show is a mixture of psychology, body language, devilish good looks and lying. It's those moments where I see people's belief systems collapse around them which is when I find a real joy. The idea is to create a funny and entertaining show."

■ **Chris Cox's Fatal Distraction is at the Gulbenkian in Canterbury on Friday, May 17, at 7.30pm. Tickets are priced at £13. Phone 01227 769075 or visit www.kent.ac.uk/gulbenkian.**

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From the field to the stage, Jim keeps fans entertained



ON STAGE: Ex-footballer Jim Whitley will be Sammy Davis Jnr

By Greg Miles
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WHEN it comes to performing in front of big crowds, you would think that former professional footballer Jim Whitley would feel at home. Well, think again...

The former Manchester City midfielder spent 13 years in the professional game before hanging up his boots and picking up the microphone to become a singer.

But it took some getting used to for the 38-year-old, who is appearing as Sammy Davis Jnr in Rat Pack Live, which is playing in Chatham on Friday (May 17).

He will be appearing alongside Emmerdale's Richard Shelton as Frank Sinatra and Mark Halliday as Dean Martin at The Central Theatre.

As far as dressing-room banter goes, singing was good ammunition for Whitley's team-mates during his eight years at City and his six years at Wrexham.

"I was in a choir as a kid and I used to get a lot of stick for that at football. I played the flute as well," he said.

"Whether on the pitch or stage, it's the same. On the pitch you go hell for leather and on stage you're performing."

Although he knew he could sing from a young age, music was not his chosen career path, but that changed when he took part in a recording session in Wrexham.

"Someone was doing a song about the town and got the team involved, and I was asked to do a solo spot," he said.

"I got introduced to some people who were in the West End and did some performances with them. It was nerve-racking. It was something I had to learn from scratch – it was sink or swim.

"My ex-girlfriend introduced me to Frank Sinatra's music years ago and it was something I could sing, It suited my voice. Anything from that generation is amazing. The pop stuff like Michael Jackson I had no chance with."

That led to slots singing on cruise ships, gigging at private functions and then going international at venues such as New York's Rainbow Rooms, performing alongside Grammy-nominated pianist Judy Carmichael.

Whitley's family name may ring a bell with football fans in Medway as the former Northern Ireland international's brother played in one of Gillingham Football Club's most gut-wrenching matches.

Jeff Whitley was part of the Manchester City side that beat Gills in the famous 1999/2000 Division Two play-off final at Wembley. Gills led 2-0 going into the final minute, only for City to score twice, one of the goals coming in a bizarrely long period of added time, before winning on penalties.

Whitley was injured that day but hopes his City association is not remembered.

"I was in the stands with the boys for that game and I was out of contention at the time," he said. "I had so many niggling injuries when I was at the club and there was always someone to take my place.

"I was keeping my brother Jeff out of the side at one stage, but he came back in and I never got in the side again. I hope no one chucks anything at me in Chatham."

The Central Theatre show on May 17 starts at 7.30pm. Tickets are priced at £21.50 and £23.50. Call 01634 338338 or visit www.medwayticketslive.co.uk or www.easytheatres.com to book.



FUN TIMES: Ben, Keith, Gary and Paul are a boy band with a combined age of 175 years, and they are looking forward to the ladies throwing their bus passes at them on stage

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"In last year's Get Happy Show we featured a Beach Boys medley and our own song, Looking Back," said Keith.

"This year the four of us have been rehearsing a flower-power finale and we have a new song called I Didn't.

"We think it's time for us to take the charts by storm.

"Well, if not a storm, a slight breeze, and even if we don't we hope people who come to see the show will enjoy what we do.

"With a combined age of over 175 years, our boy band might not be the most agile of groups, but we've got experience and if the ladies don't want to throw their knickers when we're on stage, bus passes will do."

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Forty years on, time and space still can't dim the light of a masterpiece

REVIEW MUSIC



THERE is a band called Hawkwind. They formed in 1969, they are still making records (last year's Onward was their 25th studio album) and they delivered – and I will brook no argument on this – the greatest live album of all time.

It is called Space Ritual. And, sadly, not a lot of people know that.

Mention the ultimate space-rock band to most, but by no means all, people below the age of, say, 40 and you get at best a blank look of incomprehension in return.

So for those who don't know, Hawkwind were kind of hippy, they were kind of hard rock, they were kind of science fiction, and they were very certainly a driving force of the psychedelic 1970s.

Indeed, a recent BBC Four documentary involving members of the band portrayed them as so chemically enhanced (or otherwise) when taking to the stage that you wondered how they were able to string a chord together.

Which makes the brilliance of Space Ritual all the more astonishing.

Recorded in December 1972 in London and Liverpool and released as a double album the following year, it told the tale of Starfarers in suspended animation moving through time and space.

Throw in the philosophy of the music of the spheres (the movement of planets, moon and sun creating an ethereal music) and you might think Hawkwind were taking pretentiousness to a new level. Alternatively, having listened to it, you could fall for the early advertisement's claim that Space Ritual comprised "88 minutes of brain damage".

To me, neither view appeals. Instead, this is the most atmospheric, exhilarating, haunting, powerful piece of rock ever produced.

The gathering build-up and eventual cataclysmic conclusion to Space Is Deep, for example, is gut-wrenchingly, all-consumingly, destructively beautiful... it leaves you in pieces. Many have attempted the musical technique – none have come close, although, some years earlier, Ravel had set out his stall with Bolero.

7 By 7, Sonic Attack (a spoken piece written by science-fiction author Michael Moorcock and read here by Ramsgate's own Bob Calvert), Time We Left This World Today, Master Of The Universe... highlights without question but highlights that can't be taken in isolation. Space Ritual is a piece of music that you take in its entirety, warts an' all (and there are a couple).

And now, to celebrate this extraordinary piece of work, Space Ritual has been released under the guise of a 40th-anniversary collector's edition. It has sleeve notes written by another Thanet musical genius, former band member Nik Turner (he went to school at Ramsgate's Chatham House), and includes extended tracks that had been edited on the original due to the restrictions of vinyl. There are also three bonus tracks, although these are just slightly different versions of three pieces already on the album.

In truth, snazzy new sleeve aside, there isn't much that isn't on an earlier CD of the album from 2001. But that isn't the point – what matters, of course, is that the reappearance of this masterpiece will hopefully engage a whole new audience of space-bound admirers. For this is a piece of music that must never die.

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Jazz quartet: Enjoy the sights of the gardens while listening to the resident jazz band, who will perform at 1pm and 3.30pm each day. Gardens are open from 11am-5pm. Tickets £5.50.

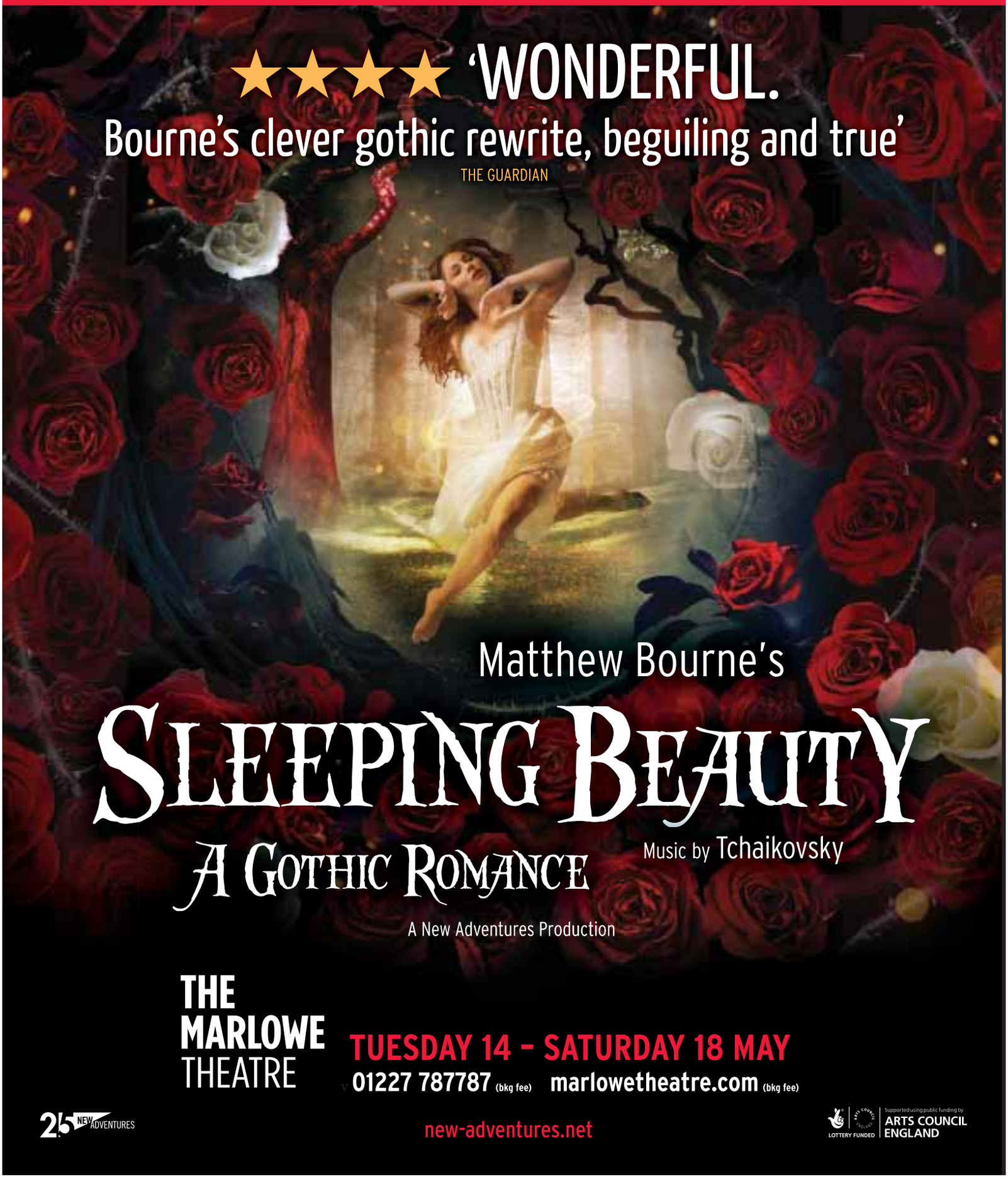
The Orchard Theatre, Dartford
Wednesday, May 15, 8pm
Box office: 01322 220000
Website: www.orchardtheatre.co.uk
Jack Dee: The grumpy comedian is back on tour for the first time in six years and he's agonising over the slightest of annoyances. Over-16s only. Tickets £22.

Assembly Hall, Tunbridge Wells
Tuesday to Saturday, May 28-June 1
Box office: 01892 530613
Website: www.assemblyhalltheatre.co.uk
Yes, Prime Minister: The hit West End show based on the TV programme is set for a week-long stint in Tunbridge Wells. Times vary; tickets from £17.50.





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Griff urges us to take pride in communities

GRIFF Rhys Jones is touring Kent, urging communities to take pride in where they live.

The TV star is president of Civic Voice, which aims to make communities more attractive.

He will be visiting Canterbury, Ramsgate, Faversham and Rochester over the next week.

He said: "Change is in the air as communities take more control over their own future. The civic movement is at the heart of this, with hundreds of local civic societies speaking up for their area. We want to play a revitalised role in promoting civic pride and making the places where everyone lives more attractive, enjoyable and distinctive.



"If the Government is serious about localism, they have to listen to the concerns coming forward from civic groups, resident associations and councils. We agree with the Government that getting the economy moving is essential, but the myriad of proposals coming forward are clearly not the answer. They are creating uncertainty, not confidence."

On his trip he will give a speech at the launch of A Residents' Vision For Canterbury on Wednesday (May 15). He will visit Project Motorhouse in Ramsgate the next day to support a campaign to save a historic building.

On Friday, he is in Faversham to visit the Faversham Society's Fleur de Lys heritage centre, while on Saturday he is in Rochester to address the annual Woolford conference organised by the Kent Federation of Amenity Civic Societies.

Fuse will bring acts with a difference to Medway

By Greg Miles
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FUSE Medway Festival has announced part of its programme for the free event in June.

The three-day festival running from Friday to Sunday, June 14-16, will see an array of artistic creations and performances in public spaces in Chatham, Rochester and Gillingham.



This year's attractions include a fusion of steampunk and circus in a new piece from Lost in Translation Circus; a graceful and incredible ballet for five shopping trolleys from C-12; the world's only eight-foot baby Obobee bird from The Flying Buttresses; and a new performance specially created for the under-fives combining paint and dance in Little Artist: Big Painting from Commotion Dance.

Also in the programme is the Saturday-night spectacular from Rochester Castle – Chutney In The Street, a lively Indo-Caribbean music, dance, song and storytelling piece from Kuljit Bhamra.

Following that is a breathtaking aerial show featuring a human mobile suspended 100 feet above the crowd from the internationally-acclaimed French company Transe Express.

Three performances have been created for Fuse by local artists as well.

Dizzy O'Dare Presents... will be bringing The Wonderful World of Mr E, a show featuring puppets, clowning and story-telling and Mr E's Incredible Museum.

Rebecca Ashton's The Sirens of Cetham will be a visually exciting dance performance on and around The Anchor in Chatham.

Writers' group ME4Writers will be creating The Wordshed, where the writers will create and launch a new collection of poetry and stories for Fuse Festival.

In the build-up to the weekend, from Saturday, June 8, there will be workshops and performances around the area, while the opening of the festival, on June 14, will be marked by a parade in Gillingham high street.

Fuse director Megan Donnolley said: "I'm thrilled to be working on such an exciting festival that is free and accessible to all. Created with and for the people of Medway, this is your festival and we look forward to seeing you there."

FAB FOUR

Hazlitt Arts Centre, Maidstone
Saturday, May 18, 8pm
Box office: 01622 758611
Website: www.hazlittartscentre.co.uk
ABBA Reunion: Enjoy a night of Abba with all their hits from the 70s and 80s, with the original Frida from the London cast of Abbamania featuring. Tickets £17.50.

East Quay, Whitstable
Friday, November 8
Website: www.whitlive.co.uk
Tickets from Gatefield Sounds, Whitstable
Glenn Tilbrook: Squeeze frontman Tilbrook, who with Chris Difford penned the group's top hits such as Cool For Cats, will be performing a solo set. Tickets £17.50.

Granville Theatre, Ramsgate
Saturday, June 22
Box office: 01843 591750
Website: www.granvilletheatre.com
One Singular Sensation: Music from some of the biggest shows in the world, from Les Misérables to Chicago and Mamma Mia. Performances at 2.30pm and 7.30pm. Tickets £8 and £10.

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Surreal and saucy, it's the show for us all

A TALENT show open to those of all abilities, no matter how surreal they might be, is coming to Canterbury.

Visual artist Sadie Hennessy is bringing the End Of The Pier Show to The Marlowe Studio, offering an unpredictable selection of acts.

Entrants upload their entry to YouTube and email the link to marketing@marlowetheatre.com. The deadline is Friday, May 17.

The tone of The End Of The Pier Show is surreal and saucy, with emphasis on audience participation. It is an over-18s event.

The House Band From Hell will provide backing music in a style best described as an 'easy-listening/punk hybrid'.

The show is at 8pm on Saturday, June 15. The audience is encouraged to dress up and there will be a bottle of Champagne for best fancy-dress.

Tickets are priced at £12 from The Marlowe Theatre box office on 01227 787787 or at www.marlowetheatre.com.

The heroism and the tragedy of our Antarctic adventurers

By Greg Miles
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AN exhibition charting the journeys of two of Britain's greatest explorers is to go on show at The Historic Dockyard Chatham.

The exploits of Captain Robert Scott and Sir Ernest Shackleton will be brought to life at an exhibition at No.1 Smithery: The Gallery through words, photographs and artefacts from those who survived.

Items such as a perfectly-preserved biscuit found on Scott's frozen body, and historical photographs from Frank Hurley and Herbert Ponting, will be on show at the exhibition, which runs from Friday, May 24, until Friday, August 30.

The early 20th century was a time of adventurers aiming to reach new heights, and Scott and Shackleton were at the forefront of explorations. Scott's Terra Nova trip from 1910 to 1913 ended in disaster as all of the touring party died on returning from the South Pole, having been beaten to it by 33 days by Norwegian rival Roald Amundsen.

Shackleton's Endurance expedition (1914-1917) also aimed to reach the South Pole, but it failed and had to be rescued from South Georgia.



Visitors can get a feel for what the clothing worn on the expeditions was like in an interactive dress-up area. There will be two special guest lectures throughout the duration of the exhibition – by Dr David Wilson on Thursday, June 27, and Felicity Aston on Monday, July 29.

The exhibition has been put together with the help of the Royal Geographical Society, with artefacts from the Scott Polar Research Institute, the Royal Museums Greenwich and Royal Engineers Museum Library and Archive.

You can visit www.thedockyard.co.uk/exploringantarcticatalks to find out more about the exhibition.

Billy Ocean takes headline role at this year's Lawnfest

BILLY Ocean has been named as the headline artist for this year's Lawnfest at the New School in West Heath, Sevenoaks.

The multi- gold- and platinum-selling artist, who has sold more than 30 million records in a 26-year career, will headline the one-day festival at the school on Saturday, July 6.

Others on the bill include Man Like Me, Josephine, Sing Tank, Sam Gray, Lulu James, Fire Hazard and Sean Rowley.

The festival, which is in its fifth year, was set up as a non-profit-making event to fund bursaries for the school, a charity that helps rebuild the lives of traumatised children.

Its founding patron is business magnate and former Harrods-owner Mohamed Al-Fayed, who has given some £3 million towards its development.

Christina Wells, principal at the New School, said: "Lawnfest is the biggest event on the school calendar.

"All the students are very excited. Our focus as a music, arts and food festival is proving to be very popular and we are expecting 3,000 people this year.

"It is important to remember why we put this event on. It is to raise much-needed funds to enable vulnerable youngsters who are not currently funded by their local authority to be able to come to our school."

To book tickets, visit www.lawnfest.co.uk or www.facebook.com/lawnfest, or phone the box office on 0845 652 6263.







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RESTAURANT **REVIEW**



It's not every day, even as a restaurant reviewer of some years' standing, that you are awarded the privilege of being the first guest to choose from a restaurant's new menu, but so it was for a companion and I at Rowhill Grange Hotel and Utopia Spa in Wilmington this week.

It didn't differ wildly from the menu in the foyer with which I had familiarised myself while awaiting my tardy friend, but perhaps it was the subtlety of the changes that showed no little thought had gone into some seasonal tweaking as opposed to a wholescale overhaul.

Rowhill Grange is apparently an 18th-century manor house, but it doesn't, in truth, have that feel. Sandwiched between Dartford and Swanley and with the M25, M20 and A2 all thunderingly close by, it is not set in Kent's most tranquil acres.

The grounds themselves, though, are attractive and, on the wild and windy night that we visited, traffic and urban noise was drowned out, so I guess we could almost have been in the countryside proper.

Perhaps in this strangely unappealing nowhere land on the Kent and London borders, the battered landscape passes as rural, but for those from more rustic swathes the proximity of the suburbs is evident.

The venue itself feels modern and it's refreshing that there has been no hammed-up attempt to give it the Ye Olde look. This is, after all, "a luxury boutique hotel".

It oozes weddings and indeed it is a popular venue for the big day, while conferences are also clearly a target market. During our meal, there was a substantial arrival of besuited gentlemen from one such event, but as they were dining in adjoining room we were not swamped by their chatter.

We enjoyed excellent service from attentive and friendly staff, and the dishes were served swiftly but without rush. Perfect timing, really.

Superb bread (cider white was new for me) got us introduced, while I started with roasted scallops, air-dried ham and pickled apple salad. The shellfish was cooked beautifully it was complemented well by its neighbours on the plate.

My guest had Weald smoked salmon with pickled cucumber salad and was equally as delighted with the choice.

I took 8oz prime centre cut fillet as my main – not cheap at £29 but a wonderful piece of meat. I had, however, asked for medium rare and was disappointed taht it was much closer to medium. The accompanying hand-cut chips, mushroom-stuffed tomato and and freshly-picked watercress were, it should be said, excellent.

Pan-fried black bream with shellfish lasagne and mushroom veloute went down well on the other side of the table, while neither of us were tempted to indulge in dessert.

A final bill of £122.06 was high, given that the only alcohol consumed had been one glass of white wine, but the experience had been good.

Alan Wypych

■ **Rowland Grange Hotel and Utopia Spa Wilmington DA2 7QH (phone 01322 615136)**

Sarge takes charge at another restaurant

FOLKESTONE'S first man of food Mark Sargeant has announced that he will take another establishment under his guidance – the Great Northern Hotel in London

Sargeant, who spent more than 10 years working in Gordon Ramsay's London restaurants such as Aubergine and Claridge's, is head of Folkestone's Rocksalt and The Smokehouse restaurants and is always keen to talk about Kent's foodie offerings.

He will now have to spend some time taking charge at the Grade II-listed Great Northern, which is relaunching after a 12-year hiatus and a £40 million refurbishment, close to King's Cross St Pancras train station.

Curry expert getting ready for new role

POPULAR curry manufacturer Pathak came face to face with Tonbridge curry expert Richard Beesley this week after the great-granddaughter of the company's founder made dinner for the west Kent man.

Beesley was the winner of Patak's Official Curry Taster competition and top chef Anjali Pathak went to his house to cook him and his friends dinner as well as give lessons in cooking Indian food.

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Encouraging young learning

FROM classrooms to workshops and sport to art, there are as many ways to stimulate learning as there are children.

Now an event is looking at how different approaches can be used to help children reach their full potential.

The Creative Learning Showcase takes place on Thursday, June 6, at the Kent Events Centre, near Maidstone, with the aim of presenting schools, youth and community groups with information about the inspirational ways of learning that are on offer.

The free event will bring together private and voluntary-sector organisations with local and national government to share ideas through a mixture of exhibitions and seminars.

Emma Jenkins, Learning Plus adviser, said the chance to look at learning from a wider perspective was a fantastic opportunity.

"If you can be creative in how you present learning, then children will go for it with great passion," she said. "It's in those ideas that the line between education and hobbies disappears. We call it learning by stealth!

"And the more children learn through activities and ideas that they love, the more they will want to pursue learning as part of their character."

Sean Carter, Learning Plus manager, said the Creative Learning Showcase was "an ordinary way of presenting extraordinary thinking".

"My hope is that school staff, parent teacher associations, governors, youth groups and others will be inspired by the event and that children will get the benefit of the creativity and imagination that so many people are coming up with."

Visit www.kent.gov.uk/creativelearning for details.

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"In those days young people were leaving care at 15 and living in bed-and-breakfasts," she said. "They were ill-equipped and had no support, so we wanted to extend their time with families – that's how the organisation came into being."

With an estimated 67,000 children in the care system in the UK (50,000 of whom are in foster care), agencies such as Next Step always need new carers.

Lesley said: "I don't know of any career where you get back more than you put in. Children in care can get a bad press, but we strive to challenge this as we recognise that a child is a child, not just a statistic."



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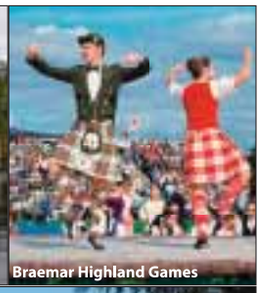
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Small firms advisor welcomed to team

PAUL Saunders, formerly senior partner with Clydesdale Bank in charge of Tunbridge Wells and Maidstone, is joining Sidcup-based chartered accountants McBrides to advise on business development.

Nigel Kimber, corporate finance partner at McBrides, said: "We are delighted to welcome Paul to our team. He will be a valuable asset in supporting our corporate finance team. His wealth of business contacts will be invaluable, as will his experience and knowledge of the banking world."

Mr Saunders, from Wateringbury, has been raising finances for SME's for 30 years.

He added: "I am delighted to be working with McBrides, who have an excellent reputation for assisting their clients with business growth and tax planning, as well as the routine accounting and audit services. I look forward to being able to use my expertise to help both McBrides and the wider business community in the south east."

Salad grower lays roots with new jobs

ONE of the UK's largest tomato suppliers is expanding into Kent, creating 80 jobs.

Cheshire-based APS Salads has completed a £3.67 million expansion into the south of England after receiving a funding package from Yorkshire Bank.

The purpose-built development at Europa Nursery in Ash comprises a 57,000 sq m state-of-the-art production facility, almost doubling the size of existing capacity.

APS, founded as A Pearson & Sons in 1949 by Albert and Hilda Pearson, is forecast to turn over £47m in 2013, supplying retailers such as Tesco and Iceland.

Manager Mark Pearson said: "We have worked closely with Tesco on the development and expansion of the Europa nursery since 2010.

"We are working with both Yorkshire Bank and Tesco to further develop the site in line with our growth aspirations and the customers' requirements. This will create substantial additional turnover and jobs over the next three years."

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Balancing employee security with your company's needs

Special KoS Report **Chris Murphy** investigates as calls are made to bring an end to controversial zero-hour contracts

CONTRACTS which mean workers can be hired for short term periods but dismissed at a moment's notice should be banned, according to the Labour Party,

The so-called "zero-hour contracts" enable staff to be taken on swiftly – but if things do not work out, laying them off can be almost instant.

The deals have become increasingly popular as companies are worried about taking on more staff fearing a tangle of paperwork if they then decide to let them go.

A study by the Labour Research Department found it can be beneficial to workers like agency nurses and supply teachers, who can pick and choose their shifts.

But the organisation added: "It is increasingly being used to replace proper secure employment with its associated guaranteed level of paid work and other benefits."

One 24-year-old worker who has direct experience of the scheme, but doesn't want to be named for fear of upsetting his current employer, said: "I can't believe how many times I have been offered one [a zero-hour contract]. They need to be banned. I know times are tough, but they are tough for workers too trying to make a living.

"Being on a zero-hour contract means your boss can call you in one day at a time. That can leave an employee sitting by the phone for days not knowing when they will be paid again. It's an awful practice and appears to be growing. They can also cut back on holiday pay. I can dictate when I take a holiday, but if they don't like it, they can sack me on the spot. It's crazy."

CASE STUDY



McDonald's, which has branches across the county, said it employs 91,000 people in the UK across 1,200 restaurants with the majority "on an hourly-paid basis" – all of them zero-hour, with 2,000 more this year.

A spokesman said: "All of our hourly paid employees are on zero-hour contracts, it's one of the ways we can offer a flexible work schedule. Many of our employees are parents who are looking for work to fit around childcare or students who want to fit work around their studies.

"It's important to note that during every application process we ask how many hours and what days the candidate is available to work and will take on a range of full time and part time staff to enable us to run our businesses effectively.

"We don't take on additional staff if we can't give them hours and if an employee wants to do more hours we can usually accommodate."

But Jo James of Kent Invicta Chamber of Commerce can see some advantages.

She said: "In the current economic climate I can see why it is attractive to employers to retain skills without the commitment to a full salary and only pay when work is there. But from an employee's perspective there is no financial security, although it could work well for those looking for casual working arrangements."

MP for Sittingbourne and Sheppey, Gordon Henderson, said: "I am not aware of such employment practices in my own constituency, however, my view is that a good employer understands that loyal, well-trained staff are a company's greatest asset.

"They recognise also that to get such employees takes a responsible approach to employment terms and conditions by employers."

Labour has pledged to eliminate the contracts if it wins the next General Election.

The Workplace Employment Relations Study found the proportion of firms with some workers on zero-hour contracts rose from just 11 per cent in 2004 to 23 per cent in 2011.

Union Unison said a survey by the Industrial Relations Service suggests 23 per cent of employers now include zero hours.

The union said: "For staff, zero-hour contracts present huge drawbacks in comparison to permanent regular work. These include no guaranteed level of regular earnings that provide any certainty over meeting bills, and the need to respond to calls to attend work, frequently at short notice, disrupts life outside of work."

Surveyor to use HS1 experience to advise landowners

PLANNING experts have been called in as major compensation advisors on the building of the new High Speed 2 rail link to the Midlands and north west.

They will use the extra expertise learned during the planning and development of the first link through Kent.

Tom French, managing partner at chartered surveyors BTF Partnership, Ashford, has been called up to advise on preparation for landowners and farmers affected by the new line; seen as a key artery to opening up new business and tourism opportunities with continental Europe.

He has been invited to speak to groups and organisations around the Midlands and North West who are working to protect the interests of landowners and tenant farmers.

He said: "HS2 is controversial and for landowners and farmers the scheme means they need to be planning ahead as the construction phase could last until 2026.

"Depending on their location the main impact will be on how they farm the land affected up to construction, especially if it is either delayed or ahead of schedule, and after once that phase is completed.

"As with HS1, for agricultural property owners the un-blighted market value of the land taken will reflect the future profits that could be expected to be made from farming. Alternatively, for tenant farmers, the decision may be more complicated depending on the timing of their tenancy renewal.

"Agricultural tenants, depending on the type of tenancy held, could receive compensation for the termination of all or part of their tenancy as well as disturbance payments, including an allowance for the sum an incoming tenant would have been expected to pay for items such as growing crops."

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UCA rings in the changes with its first smartphone app for students



APP: Information in your hand

THE University for the Creative Arts (UCA) has launched its first official smartphone app.

The free app offers quick access to a whole host of information, including timetables, coursework marks, campus maps, library services, emails, news and even an option to help locate your friends.

Dr Simon Ofield-Kerr, UCA vice-chancellor, said: "The new UCA app is a great innovation and I am so pleased students were involved in its conception and will play an important part in its ongoing design and development." Mobile app project manager, Glen Moussali, added: "The app has been really well received by students and their comments have been very positive – we also currently have a five-star rating on the App Store and Google Play."

Available across both Android and Apple platforms, it is free to download.

MidKent College throws open its doors this week

MIDKENT College will be holding open evenings at its Medway and Maidstone campuses next week.

The events will give prospective students the chance to find out more about the hundreds of courses on offer, as well as view the college's facilities and pick up the latest prospectuses.

The Medway campus open day is on Tuesday, May 14, between 6-8pm, then at Maidstone on Thursday 5.30-7.30pm.

Initiative proves it is never too late to learn

FROM Chinese calligraphy to Shakespeare, and from creative writing to local history - libraries across Kent will be offering a wide range of opportunities as part of Adult Learners' Week, running from May 18-24.

The county's adult education department will be providing taster sessions together with the chance to attend a variety of talks and workshops.

For details of events taking place near you, contact your local library.





PARTNERSHIP: Two charities for young people have been given a sponsorship boost

Charities recruit major sponsorship benefits

TWO of the county's leading charities helping young people reach their business and employment aspirations are to benefit from a major new sponsorship deal.

Recruitment specialist SLA Partnership is to give £6,000 a year to support the Kent Foundation Trust for Young Entrepreneurs and the Medway Youth Trust.

The Maidstone-based company is also looking to back the organisation of a sponsored golf fundraising event for the charities later in the year.

The Kent Foundation Trust caters for young people aged between 18-30 with an interest in starting a business in the county. It offers business support, access to networking events and is delivery partner for the newly launched StartUp Loans initiative.

The Medway Youth Trust looks to improve the life of young people and offers a range of services offering training and qualification opportunities.

Welcoming the deal, Paul Barron, director of the Kent Foundation, said: "This is a significant commitment by SLA to support our work and we are grateful to them for their commitment and generosity.

"As well as the money, their expertise in the job market will be invaluable in transforming ideas and initiatives into reality for those people that we engage with.

"Like all charities, we have to work really hard to find financial backing and I am delighted that they have chosen to back us at this challenging time."

Medway Youth Trust's chief executive, Graham Clewes, added: "SLA's support through their money, time and expertise is a tremendous boost for Medway Youth Trust and for our careers and employability work with young people in Kent and Medway.

"I am particularly struck by SLA's desire for a long-term partnership to help us in our work and I hope their lead will be an encouragement to other companies."

SLA's Sarah Landry said: "This is an ideal fit with the work of these two charities who, like us, look to encourage ways of achieving aspirations and ambitions.

"We focus on providing a quality of service to find a perfect match and I believe we have now achieved this with our sponsorship deal for Kent Foundation and Medway Youth Trust."

Meanwhile, Mercedes-Benz dealership, Sparshatts of Kent – which has outlets across the county – has vacancies for technical apprenticeships, a scheme boosted recently by a visit from Prime Minister David Cameron.

The PM visited the marque's apprenticeship academy in Milton Keynes.

The £2.1 million purpose-built facility at Mercedes-Benz's UK headquarters provides industry-leading training for young people to become Mercedes-Benz qualified technicians and parts advisors.

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League table sees Kent rise up rankings

THE University of Kent has hailed its rise up the rankings in a league table of UK universities as "excellent news".

It was rated 28th out of the 124 UK institutions listed in the Complete University Guide 2014 - a rise of five places on last year.

Launched in 2007, the guide offers comparisons between UK universities on a wide range of criteria including strength of research, student satisfaction, entry standards, staff/student ratio, spending on academic services, campus facilities, completion rates, good honours and graduate prospects.

David Nightingale, senior deputy vice-chancellor, said: "This is excellent news for the university. Our league table positions, together with our reputation for research-led teaching and student experience, confirm that Kent is a first choice destination for prospective students."

Elsewhere in the table, Canterbury Christ Church dropped from 87th last year to 99th, Greenwich climbed from 102nd to 95th, while the University of Creative Arts rose nine from 95th to 86th.

Table topper was Cambridge, with Oxford in second place and the London School of Economics in third.

Export initiative to support international opportunities

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THREE major organisations have joined forces to help boost local firms' hopes of breaking into overseas markets.

As part of the Kent International Business initiative, the Kent Invicta Chamber, Kent County Council and UK Trade & Investment (UKTI) South East have united to launch the Kent Export Start-Up roadshow.

Staged across the county from this month through until November, it is launched to coincide with the UKTI's High Growth Export Week, a nationwide initiative designed to help firms take advantage of the opportunities to make inroads into such key high growth economies as India, China, Turkey and Saudi Arabia.

Steve Samson from Kent County Council said: "The export start up roadshow is just one of a range of activities being delivered in Kent as part of the Kent International Business (KIB) programme.

"KIB is backed by a wide range of business support organisations and aims to encourage more Kent firms to consider overseas markets as a route to growth and to provide the necessary support to help them along the way."

KIB is a countywide intiative which looks to encourage Kent businesses to access overseas markets and provide information, advice and support to help them to do so.

Lewis Scott, regional director for UKTI South East, said: "Events like the Export Start-Up workshops can help firms make the first move to sell overseas, with the hope that once they see how rewarding exporting can be, we can help them reach high growth markets.

"Export Week is designed to help the region's businesses explore those markets which perhaps aren't so obvious, and to show how we can help firms reach them, alongside continuing to share the benefits of exporting.



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May 15 Mercure, Tunbridge Wells	**July 10** Ashford	**October 23** Dartford
June 27 Folkestone	**September 18** Canterbury	**November 20** Thanet

Venues to be confirmed, for details see www.kentinvictachamber.co.uk/events

"Events offer something for both the novice and experienced exporter – from seminars and master classes to networking events."

Jo James from Kent Invicta Chamber said: "Kent has seen a rapid rise in export activity, both to destinations across Europe and to high growth markets, and we want to ensure we continue to encourage this activity."

Is reality TV promoting aggressive business?

WITH a new series of The Apprentice getting under way this week, the concept of the business reality show is still going strong.

But are these shows having a positive effect on business management and leadership within the workplace?

When forming an opinion about these programmes, it is important to note that these shows actually do a lot of good in inspiring people to start up their own businesses or to try and turn their ideas into viable products. They have definitely helped in putting entrepreneurship on the map and this should be encouraged.

Yet, despite these positives, I believe shows like The Apprentice and Dragons' Den fall down in their portrayal of management, leadership and teamwork.

Take The Apprentice, where prospective candidates are split into teams and essentially pitted against each other. Although teamwork is encouraged, the programme focuses on any tension or drama as the team that fails the weekly task usually ends up turning on each other as they try to shift the blame.

This behaviour continues in the boardroom and is no doubt encouraged by the show's producers who require this infighting for viewing figures.

This might make interesting viewing, but it does not present business in the best light or provide businesses with a positive role model to follow.

My belief has always been that when a task is performed as a team, any fallout or failures are attributed to the team as a whole and rather than naming and blaming, the team would be better served evaluating, assessing and establishing any changes that they could implement if the task was to be done again.

This is especially important in shows like The Young Apprentice where the infighting and blame can easily be detrimental to the confidence of young people starting out in business. Instead, more guidance, perhaps in the form of a mentor, needs to be given to these candidates during the programme to help nurture their business talents.

The issue that I have with business reality shows in terms of leadership and management is perhaps most evident in the new generation of entrepreneurs. If someone was to start a business in their 50s, for example, then they would have experience of working under both good and bad managers to help them develop their own management and leadership style.

However, someone starting a business in their teens has not been exposed to this kind of experience, so they often look to reality television as the template for leadership styles.

What many people fail to realise is that it is perfectly possible to be successful in business without taking an aggressive stance and that business reality TV shows are sometimes guilty of sensationalising business situations.

Known in the world of business as the "millionaire's mentor" Bev James has 20 years of expertise in coaching, training and recruitment. Currently director of mentoring for StartUp Loans, the project set up by David Cameron's business team, here she sets out her views on the world of business reality TV



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BUSINESS IN BRIEF

High street inflation levels drop further

INFLATION on the high street has plunged to its lowest level for three-and-a-half-years, according to the latest figures from the British Retail Consortium (BRC) and market intelligence firm Nielsen.

It found shop price inflation fell to 0.4 per cent in April – down from 1.4 per cent the month before. Food price inflation slowed from 3.5 to 2.9 per cent.

Ecoegg hatches a deal with supermarket

ENVIRONMENTALLY-friendly cleaning products from Larkfield detergent company Ecoegg are now available in Tesco stores nationwide.

Ecoegg was formed in 2009 by entrepreneurs Rob Knight and Dawn White after Ms White was unable to find washing products which did not aggravate her sensitive skin condition and the pair realised there was a gap in the market.

Workshop focuses on sickness absence

AN INTERACTIVE workshop for employers and human resources professionals takes place at a hotel near Maidstone on Thursday, May 16.

Entitled 'managing sickness absence', it is presented in conjunction with the Kent Invicta Chamber of Commerce and staged at the Mercure Maidstone Great Danes Hotel in Hollingbourne.

It costs between £55-65.

Bankers get invite to see reality of business

A PLUMBING merchants based in Tunbridge Wells has invited two of its bank managers into its offices for the day in a bid to build a closer working relationship with them.

Drakes Plumbing Services has made the offer after switching banking providers to Lloyds TSB Commercial Banking. Director David Aisher said: "We want them to get a real, first-hand look at how we operate our business."

Could you inspire next generation of talent?

NATIONAL mentoring charity Brightside is searching for inspirational professionals from all over the UK with experience of running a business to become mentors for the government-backed Brightside Start-Up Loans scheme.

It offers loans of up to £10,000 for young entreprenuers.

If you think you have what it takes, find out more via www.thebrightsidetrust.org.

Haynes drives off with top dealership award

A MOTOR dealership has driven off with a top award for its customer service.

The team at Haynes Ford in Maidstone won the Ford Chairman's Award, which is designed to recognise the top teams in the Ford network.

Staff joined chairman and managing director Andrew Haynes in collecting the award from Jon Wellsman, the Ford customer service division director.

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Adult Learners' Week can show you how

THIS month sees the UK's largest annual festival of learning: Adult Learners' Week is an inspiration to thousands of people each year to discover how learning can change their lives.

Through numerous events and award ceremonies, Adult Learners' Week

- Celebrates and promotes the benefits of every type of learning.
- Gives the opportunity to explore the many different kinds of learning, whether it's wanting to get a better job, try something you've always wanted to, help your children with their school work, or discover something new.
- Recognises outstanding individual achievements and inspires learning projects through national and regional awards.
- Offers your organisation the chance to showcase the learning opportunities that you provide; you can even link your activities to themes.
- Attracts widespread media coverage, highlighting the stories of people who have transformed their lives, proving that adult learning really does matter.



- Is backed by thousands of supporters each year, helping to raise the awareness of the benefits of learning.

Adult Learners' Week 2013 is held across the country from Saturday to Friday, May 18-24.

College welcomes all ages



EMPLOYED, unemployed or looking for a fresh start – wherever you are in life, it's never too late to enrol on a course at MidKent College.

Whether you're looking to change careers, build on existing skills or simply take up a new hobby, MidKent College is sure to offer the education and training that's right for you.

Located in the heart of the county at its two ultra-modern campuses in Medway and Maidstone, the college has hundreds of qualifications to choose from, including a wide range of part-time, full-time and higher-education courses.

Many people have no idea what they want to do with their lives for many years after leaving school, so don't worry about being the only adult learner in college – you won't be. MidKent is home to hundreds of mature students who are as passionate about developing themselves and learning as you are.

From traditional college subjects like plumbing and hairdressing to more modern courses such as creative media and information technology, there are endless opportunities if you're planning a career change or eyeing that big promotion.

But it doesn't have to be about climbing the career ladder if you don't want it to be. Many of MidKent's mature students enrol on a course purely for the fun of learning and the thrill of gaining a qualification at the end of it.

There are lots more reasons that adult learners should consider joining MidKent College, which you can discover for yourself at www.midkent.ac.uk. Alternatively, call the course information team on 01634 402020.

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There are many ways to get back into learning

EVERY year, the University of Kent attracts thousands of part-time students, usually local people who work or live in the region.

They are students of all ages and backgrounds, each with their own reasons for wanting to study on a part-time programme.

There are lots of ways you can study at Kent, and what you choose will depend on why you want to study.

For instance, if you are interested in studying purely for pleasure and interest, then an open lecture or a short course might be right for you; if you want to study for personal development, there are certificates, diplomas and degrees available in a wide range of subjects at Canterbury, Medway and Tonbridge.

There are also more than 100 part-time postgraduate programmes ranging from anthropology to war, media and modernity.

If you are interested in career development, the Kent Business School offers business and management programmes, including the prestigious Kent MBA.

Most part-time students are not school-leavers, so Kent tries to take into account your work and life experiences and your personal interests, as well as any academic qualifications you may already have.

A certificate programme is the first stage of an undergraduate degree programme at Kent.

Some certificate programmes accept applications from adults who have no formal qualifications, provided they can demonstrate an interest in and an aptitude for their subject.



Computer skills are important for all students. If you are returning to study after some time you may not feel confident in using computers to assist with your work and to fulfil the requirements of the university.

If you're concerned that you don't have the skills required, Kent is able to help with a variety of training courses to suit your needs and prepare you for studying at university level.

■ **Canterbury** This campus was founded in 1965. It is built on 300 acres of parkland overlooking the city and is still growing and evolving. Modern buildings are surrounded by open green spaces, courtyards, gardens, ponds and woodland.

It has excellent facilities including a theatre and cinema, Templeman library, purpose-built science laboratories and teaching buildings.

The campus is a 20-minute walk from the city centre and is easily reached by car or by public transport.

■ **Medway** This setting offers a multi-million-pound campus with state-of-the-art buildings and facilities including the Drill Hall library.

You can expect high-quality teaching and an exceptional level of personal support.

The university has invested millions of pounds in new, purpose-built facilities. These include lecture theatres, teaching and seminar rooms equipped with the latest technology. There are also a wide range of cafés and bars for anything from a coffee to a full meal.

The Medway campus can be easily reached by car. Free parking is available close to the main campus, at the Historic Dockyard.

■ **Tonbridge** Most of the part-time courses in west Kent are taught at this campus, which is a small, friendly centre dedicated to part-time study.

Facilities including the university library are open to all Kent students and our seminar rooms are equipped to the same high standard as on the Canterbury and Medway campuses.

You also have full access to all the resources available at the other campuses.

The Tonbridge Centre is ideally situated in the heart of the town, just off the high street, a five-minute walk from the railway station and close to numerous car parks.

■ **Part-time students** These people may be eligible for funding from either Student Finance England or the university, including a tuition-fee loan. The financial support is designed to help with your tuition fees or with other studying costs, such as books and travel.

See www.direct.gov.uk/studentfinance for full details about this.

■ **Open days** All three campuses open to visitors several times a year.

These give you the opportunity to talk to both members of the guidance team and academic staff. See www.kent.ac.uk/opendays for details.

■ **If you would like to know more about the courses at Kent or get advice on the right course for you, phone Kent's guidance team on 0800 975 3777 or email information@kent.ac.uk. Alternatively, visit www.kent.ac.uk/part-time to find out more.**

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KIA CARENS

Price: from £17,895
Driving appeal: not yet driven
Image: ★★★
Space: ★★★★★
Value: ★★★★★
Running costs: ★★★★
Reliability: ★★★★★
How green?: ★★★★
Best rival: Ford C-Max

Carens concludes revolution

KIA'S acclaimed German design guru Peter Schreyer has completed his style revolution at the Korean marque, with the third-generation Carens compact MPV newly in showrooms.

Priced from £17,895, the seven-seater is much sharper than its predecessors, while adding yet more versatility, and it's not hard to go along with Kia's claim that here is an MPV people will want to own rather than buy out of necessity. If that's the case, it will be quite an achievement and perhaps an even better show of Schreyer magic than his aggressive Sportage SUV, racy Optima family saloon or excellent Ceed hatchback designs.

Not that versatility has been sacrificed for looks; Kia says a 50mm increase in wheelbase, and lower seat positions, more than matches the opposition for space, offering good head, leg and shoulder room for all three rows of seats, plus increased luggage space. There are also three individual sliding and reclining centre-row seats in place of a split bench, plus two rearmost seats, which all fold flat in 'van mode'.

Impressively, the larger boot also has an under-floor compartment where the cargo screen can be stowed when not needed. For really long loads, the front passenger seat may also be folded flat.

The newcomer is offered a choice of three direct injection engines: a 133bhp 1.6-litre petrol unit offering 44.1mpg on the combined cycle, and 1.7-litre diesels delivering 114 and 134bhp and offering 60.1mpg and 56.4mpg respectively on the combined cycle.

All manual gearbox versions are fitted with Kia's Intelligent Stop & Go (ISG) engine stop-start system to reduce emissions and fuel consumption.

On the comfort front, standard specification is typically generous and comes on top of Kia's usual seven-year/100,000-mile warranty.

Even entry-level Carens 1 spec includes projection headlights with cornering lamps, LED daytime running lamps, electrically-adjustable heated door mirrors, driver's seat height adjustment and adjustable steering wheel, leather-trimmed wheel and gearshift, air-con, rear air-ventilation, steering wheel-mounted controls, electric windows, cruise control, remote central locking, six-speaker sound system with MP3 compatibility and Bluetooth with voice recognition and music streaming.

Trading up to Carens 2 (from £19,195) and 3 (£23,895) specs brings even more goodies, with the Carens 2 1.7 CRDi 114bhp 6-speed manual ISG (£20,595) expected to be the best-seller.

Asked why there is no five-seat option, Kia says the new Carens footprint is hardly bigger than rival five-seaters and if you need only five seats in place it's quick and easy to fold two without having to lug them out of the car.

It has also removed the need for the larger Sedona model, which has been phased out in line with falling demand for big MPVs.





LOADS OF SPACE: With room for people and luggage, and packed with appealing spec, the new Kia Carens is sure to turn heads

DON'T LIKE

... the fact Kia feels it has to justify dropping the five-seat option; two extra seats in a stylish compact MPV is surely what most buyers want?

NOT SURE

... even a stylish MPV will convince some buyers, especially if the driving experience is not up to much; we'll have a road-test verdict soon...

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Is this the real crossover?

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IT is sad that one of the most versatile cars on the road is financially beyond the reach of most of us and often driven by people with no need of its exceptional abilities.

It's the multi-award-winning Land Rover Discovery 4, which suits the labels crossover, MPV and luxury car, rather better than models claimed to target those sectors of the market.

It's a true 'one size fits all' wagon that many aspire to, if only they could get close to the £38,850 start price. With seven seats as standard and a huge cabin, plus awesome off-road ability, it has first-class MPV and SUV qualifications and a string of tow-car awards – it can pull a 3.5-tonne trailer or caravan.

But you can't have all these attributes without some bulk and the 'Disco' could be dismissed as a 4.83-metre long, 2.5-tonne tank, until you find it surprisingly nimble and stable in the corners, despite its towering height.

This comes from the air suspension, and from steering that weights up nicely at speed, but the Discovery is best appreciated when ambling along, delivering lots of refinement and a smooth ride.

So good is its executive/luxury prowess that many would-be buyers of the previous Range Rover model will have decided to save some cash and buy a well specc'd Discovery instead, knowing that they would get some extra versatility thrown in; dealers will be pleased that the innovative and even more luxurious new Range Rover has opened up a much greater lead over its older cousin.

This-generation Discovery has been on the market since 2004, but a radical 2010 facelift injected new life into a seemingly ageless 'supersize crossover ' design.

The two rearmost seats of the Discovery are better than those in many MPVs and you could get adults in there at a pinch, but I was not impressed by the unprotected metal legs of the seats in the middle row. These might feel uncomfortable at least and be potentially damaging to shoes or even small feet; some plastic covering surely isn't too much to ask on a premium car like this?

That said, the five rear seats move or fold easily in various seating plans, while their elevated position gives everyone a fabulous view out of the glassy cabin.

The second row also seats three comfortably and ski nuts will have noted that this would be a great 4x4 for an alpine holiday.

The cargo area – seats up or down – is huge, offering a maximum of 2,558 litres, which compares impressively with the 2,325 offered by Ford's seven-seat Galaxy MPV.

Easy loading is helped by a two-part tailgate that also means you can 'grandstand' by sitting on the folded-down part while protected from rain by the raised upper section.

The dashboard is well organised and durable and recent upgrading has added a Jaguar-style rotary selector for the auto box, with Land Rover's 'select and forget' Terrain Control just ahead of that; this takes care of the delicacies of off-roading once you select the icon relating to the terrain being tackled.

Power comes from a refined 3.0-litre turbodiesel donated by sister brand Jaguar. Allied with a smooth-shifting eight-speed automatic transmission, it delivers just about the right urge (255bhp) plus economy for this versatile car: acceleration to 60mph in just over nine seconds, and an average of about 30mpg.

Surprisingly for an engine of this sophistication, though, CO_2 emissions of 230g/km are high and this lumps the Discovery into the second-highest road tax band, incurring £840 in year one – the so-called showroom tax – and £475 thereafter.

LAND ROVER DISCOVERY 4 HSE: £52,475



ASPIRE: The Land Rover Discovery offers great off-road ability, is first-class as an MPV and SUV and has won numerous awards

FACT FILE

Driving appeal:	★★★
Image:	★★★★★
Space:	★★★★★
Value:	★★★★
Running costs:	★★★
Reliability:	★★★★
How green?:	★★★
Road tax:	£475/year (£840 year one)
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37 hours a week (flexible by arrangement)

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Hugh Christie Technology College is an 11-18 mixed school in Tonbridge with a reputation for innovation and creativity.

We are seeking to recruit an outstanding individual interested in joining our team as a

Data Manager.

We are seeking a person who can demonstrate:

- a track record of working in a data management role, preferably within a school environment
- excellent attention to detail and ability to work under pressure
- high quality organisational skills and project management experience
- excellent interpersonal skills to liaise with staff across the school
- a strong commitment to professional development and the ability to motivate others

An information and application form is obtainable from Jenny Rutherford (**01732 353544** EXT 240 or email **jrutherford@tonbridgefederation.co.uk**) or by downloading from the school website **www.hughchristie.kent.sch.uk**.

Closing Date: **Tuesday 21st May 2013 at noon**

Interviews will take place on **Friday 24th May**

All successful candidates will be required to have an Enhanced DBS check (formerly CRB) in line with safer recruitment guidelines.

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Abbey Court School

"We grow people"

Abbey Court School provides a stimulating, challenging and safe learning environment where pupils and staff efforts, work and achievement are celebrated.

We are currently looking for a….

Physiotherapist

to join and enhance our high calibre team
Medway Scale B2 to A – point 32 to 46 (£27,052 to £38,961)
(full time – term time only - pro rata)

Abbey Court School is located on 2 sites; Rainham (Nursery and Primary) and Strood (Secondary and Further Education), and caters for pupils aged 3-19 with Severe Learning Difficulties. We are looking for an enthusiastic and experienced Physiotherapist, with a professional and flexible approach. In essence, somebody with an interest in an educational setting who would like to work in a school committed to enabling pupils to reach their full potential. The postholder will be offered the opportunity to express their creativity, work holistically and demonstrate their strengths whilst undertaking a wide variety of tasks within the post.

Working hours are 37 hours p/w, term time only. The successful candidate will work as part of a larger therapy team, alongside Occupational Therapist, Speech and Language Therapist, Music and Art Therapists. Candidates should hold a relevant Physiotherapy qualification. Benefits include: Local Authority pension scheme, induction training, performance management programme and Continuous Professional Development. Visits to the school are welcomed. Salary is negotiable between top and bottom scales. Job share will be considered.

Due to the conditions and complex needs of the pupils at Abbey Court School, continuity and consistency of support is paramount and therefore candidates for all positions will need to commit to the full working hours of the post.

This school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. Any offer of appointment for post is subject to a satisfactory Criminal Records Bureau Disclosure.

Closing Date: 24th May 2013

For an application pack, or to make an appointment to visit, please contact **Mrs Linda Taylor, Business Manager, Abbey Court School, Rede Court Road, Strood, Kent, ME2 3SP (01634 338236)**, stating the position for which you are applying.

Please note CVs will not be accepted.

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CCL Label (Ashford) Limited is the UK headquarters of the European Healthcare division of a global Company; operating to ISO9001:2000 and delivering high quality packaging solutions primarily to the pharmaceutical and agrochemical industries.
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We need an honest, reliable, highly organised individual with good attention to detail and a down to earth, flexible approach. Good communication and motivation skills will help the individual succeed and develop within this role.

Skills required:
Knowledge of ISO9001:2008
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Previous experience within a manufacturing environment

If you have the necessary aptitude and skills for the job, please send your C.V. to:
Jeremy Sutton, Quality Assurance Manager, CCL Label (Ashford) Limited, Foster Road, Ashford Business Park, Sevington, Ashford, Kent, TN24 0SH

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COASTAL CO-ORDINATOR

Grade E (£21,333 to £26,067) per annum

Shepway District Council, based in Folkestone, Kent, serves a population of 108,000 and covers a district of 140 square miles. The district has a coastline of around 23 miles, stretching from the Folkestone Warren to Dungeness.

The Economic Regeneration team is a small but busy section within Planning Services, which is responsible for a wide range of initiatives and partnerships aimed at improving the economic performance of the district. This includes:

- Dealing with strategic issues, such as producing the District's Economic Strategy and supporting the Planning Policy team in producing the Shepway Local Plan.
- Working with businesses and business representative organisations through the Shepway Business Advisory Board to deliver a series of economic initiatives such as Shepway Apprenticeships and the Shepway Small Business Advice Service.
- Supporting partnerships such as BOSCO+ (Boulogne Shepway Canterbury Co-operation), the Romney Marsh Countryside Programme, the Creative Foundation and the tourism body for the district - Discover Folkestone, Hythe and Romney Marsh, in delivering key initiatives.
- Inward Investment and tourism related promotion and marketing of the district.

As part of these objectives, the Coastal Co-ordinator will play a vital role in ensuring the development and implementation of a Coastal Strategy in collaboration with key partners through a Coastal Forum. The successful candidate will have demonstrable knowledge of regeneration and coastal issues and proven ability to achieve regeneration outcomes.

You will possess enthusiasm, excellent interpersonal and communication skills and ability to effectively present to a range of people including parish councillors, local traders, community groups, sports groups and environmentalists to deliver a range of regeneration and promotional projects as well as bid for external funding.

For an informal discussion about this post please contact Jeremy Whittaker, Economic Regeneration Team Leader on 01303 853375 or Dave Shore, Planning Policy and Economic Regeneration Manager on 01303 853459.

For more information or to apply, please email recruitment@shepway.gov.uk or download an application at www.shepway.gov.uk

Closing date for applications is 30th May 2013.

Interviews will take place 17th June 2013.

Shepway District Council
Civic Centre, Castle Hill Avenue
Folkestone, Kent CT20 2QY
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www.shepway.gov.uk

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LEGAL AND PUBLIC NOTICES

Improving Access to Kent's Countryside

Kent County Council (KCC) has reviewed its Countryside Access Improvement Plan and produced a draft document for public consultation. The purpose of the plan is to increase the usage and enjoyment of public rights of way, open green space and coastal access in Kent. The county has around 4200 miles (6700km) of paths which act as a gateway for visitors and residents to explore Kent's heritage, wildlife and iconic landscapes.

A number of successful projects have been delivered through the first Plan such as new routes to schools, off-road cycle routes and improved access for horse riders. The aim is to increase awareness and usage of off-road routes for recreation and as a healthy and environmentally friendly way to complete day to day journeys. Details of these projects can be found on the Countryside Access section of the County Council's website. KCC works closely with local parishes, interest groups and communities to deliver these projects to they are useful and relevant for the local community. Projects also support recreational tourism and access to heritage and wildlife.

To view the draft Countryside and Coastal Access Improvement Plan please log-on to www.kent.gov.uk/countrysideaccess and follow the links. There is a questionnaire to complete and your comments are welcomed. Any comments should be returned to the address provided by the 26th June 2013.

For free walks, cycle rides, horse riding routes and a complete list of all parks and open spaces in Kent go to www.kent.gov.uk/explorekent. You can also follow @explorekent on Twitter.

Kent County Council kent.gov.uk

PUBLIC NOTICE
KENT COUNTY COUNCIL AS LOCAL AUTHORITY
THE EXPANSION OF ETHELBERT ROAD PRIMARY SCHOOL (COMMUNITY) ETHELBERT ROAD, FAVERSHAM, KENT ME13 8SQ

Notice is given in accordance with section 19(1) of the Education and Inspections Act 2006 that Kent County Council intends to make a prescribed alteration to Ethelbert Road Primary School (Community), Ethelbert Road, Faversham, Kent ME13 8SQ from 1 September 2014.

It is proposed to enlarge the school to provide 30 places per year group, taking the total capacity of the school to 210 places. The school will admit 30 children into Year R in September 2014 and subsequent years.

The current capacity of the school is 178 and the proposed capacity will be 210. The current number of pupils registered at the school is 163. The current published admission number for the school is 15 and the proposed admission number will be 30.

This Notice is an extract from the complete proposal. Copies of the complete proposal can be obtained from Marisa White, Area Education Officer - Telephone 01227 284614. Copies are also available on the KCC website: www.kent.gov.uk/schoolconsultations

Within four weeks from the date of publication of these proposals, any person may object to or make comments on the proposal by sending them to Marisa White, Area Education Officer, Brook House, Reeves Way, Whitstable, Kent CT5 3SS. Email: school.consultations@kent.gov.uk. The closing date for objections and comments is 10th June 2013.

Signed: Patrick Leeson, Corporate Director Education, Learning & Skills

Date: 12 May 2013

Explanatory Note:
Ethelbert Road Primary School admitted 30 pupils in Year R in September 2011 and 2012 and will admit 30 children in Year R in September 2013 at the request of the Local Authority on a temporary basis in existing accommodation.

Kent County Council kent.gov.uk

THE CHARLES DICKENS SCHOOL, BROADSTAIRS, KENT, CT10 2RL
PUBLIC NOTICE
THE PROVISION OF A 6TH FORM AT THE CHARLES DICKENS SCHOOL

Notice is given in accordance with section 19(1) of the Education and Inspections Act 2006 that the Governing Body of The Charles Dickens School intends to make a prescribed alteration to the Charles Dickens School (Foundation Secondary), Broadstairs Road, Broadstairs, Kent CT10 2RL from 1 September 2013.

The Governing Body is proposing to add a sixth form to The Charles Dickens School for 200 students by increasing the school's upper age limit from 16 to 19 years. It is planned that Level 3 A level provision will be implemented from September 2013 in collaboration with St George's CE Secondary School. Apprenticeship supporting provision is planned to be implemented from September 2014.

The capacity of the school is 1160 and the proposed capacity will be 1360 but no additional physical capacity will be required. The admission number for the school is 232 (Year 7) and this will remain unchanged. The admission number for external candidates to the sixth form will be 30.

It is proposed to admit 60 post 16 students in September 2013 and 100 post 16 students from September 2014.

The proposal will be implemented by the Governing Body of The Charles Dickens School.

This Notice is an extract from the complete proposal a copy of which can be obtained from the school's website: www.cds.kent.sch.uk

Within four weeks from the date of publication of this proposal, any person may object to or make comments on the proposal by sending them to: Marisa White, Area Education Officer, Brook house, Reeves Way, Whitstable, Kent CT5 3SS. e-mail: school.consultations@kent.gov.uk

Signed: Mr M Towe, Chair of Governors

Publication Date: 2nd May 2013

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR THE GRANT OF A PREMISES LICENCE

I, Raschid Paul Gibrail hereby give notice that we have made an application to the Tunbridge Wells Borough Council for the grant of a New Premises Licence to in respect of the following licensable activities:-

1. sale by retail of alcohol - Monday to Saturday 08.00 - 20.00 and on Sundays 10.00 - 16.00.

In respect of the premises situated at 95 - 97, Mount Pleasant Road, Tunbridge Wells, Kent TN1 1BE and known by the sign of Ismails Coffee and Tea.

The application can be viewed at the offices of the Licensing Authority, Tunbridge Wells Borough Council,The Town Hall, Tunbridge Wells, Kent TN1 1RS between 9.00 a.m. and 4.00 p.m, Monday to Friday (except public holidays) or www.sevenoaks.gov.uk. Any person wishing to make representations concerning this application should do so in writing to the above local authority giving in detail stating the grounds of objection and within 28 consecutive days of the submission of the application that is by no later than 1st June 2013.

It is an offence knowingly or recklessly to make a false statement in connection with an application. Any person who makes a false statement is liable on summary conviction to a maximum fine of £5,000.

Stephen Thomas LAW, 8, Grassmere, Leybourne, Kent ME19 5QP Authorised Agents for and on behalf of the applicant.

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR THE GRANT OF A PREMISES LICENCE

We Canterbury Church Shop Ltd hereby give notice that we have made an application to the Canterbury City Council for the grant of a New Premises Licence to in respect of the following licensable activities:-

1. sale by retail of alcohol - Monday to Wednesday and Friday and Saturday 08.00 - 18.00 and on Thursdays 08.00 - 20.00

In respect of the premises situated at 17, Palace Street, Canterbury, Kent CT1 2DZ and to be known by the sign of Canterbury Church Shop.

The application can be viewed at the offices of the Canterbury City Council at the Council Offices, Military Road, Canterbury, Kent, CT1 1YW (www.canterbury.gov.uk) during normal office hours. Any person wishing to make representations concerning this application should do so in writing to the above local authority giving in detail the grounds of objection and within 28 consecutive days of the submission of the application that is by no later than 31st May 2013.

It is an offence knowingly or recklessly to make a false statement in connection with an application. Any person who makes a false statement is liable on summary conviction to a maximum fine of £5,000.

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HIGHWAYS

HIGHWAYS - ASHFORD AREA

A20 MAIDSTONE ROAD, ASHFORD (10 MPH SPEED LIMIT) TEMPORARY ORDER 2013

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

For the safety of the public and workforce during works to apply High Friction Surfacing, Kent County Council intends to make an Order imposing a temporary maximum speed limit of 10 miles per hour on the A20 Maidstone Road, Ashford, on or after 29 May 2013 for up to 2 nights between 19:00 hours through until 05:00 hours each night.

This affects the southbound carriageway for a distance of 250 metres leading up to Orchard Heights Roundabout.

The Order applies when the relevant signs are on display, and is in conjunction with temporary traffic lights and a "Convoy System" to escort traffic through the roadworks.

The speed limits will only apply when the convoy working is in place, and the relevant signs are displayed on site.

SOUTHENAY LANE, BRABOURNE (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER MAY 2013

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of carriageway patching works prior to carriageway surface treatment, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Southenay Lane, Brabourne, on or after 14 May 2013 as shown below.

It is planned the road will be closed between 14 May to 17 May inclusive, between 08:00 hours and 17:00 hours each day.

It may also be necessary to close the road on Monday 20 May for the same times, if there are any outstanding works to be completed.

The road will be closed between the junctions with Stone Hill and Fiddling Lane.

The alternative route is via Stone Hill, A20 Main Road, Moorstock Lane, Cock Ash Lane and Broad Street.

VARIOUS ROADS, ASHFORD AREA (SURFACE DRESSING) (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER JUNE 2013

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

As part of a programme of carriageway surfacing dressing works, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on various roads in the Ashford District, on or after 1 June 2013 as shown below.

The roads affected, planned dates of closure and alternative routes are as shown below.

It is planned that these works will be carried out between 08:30 hours and 17:30 hours each day, with the roads re-opened outside these hours

LOWER ENSDEN ROAD, CHILHAM - closed between Selling Road and Lower Lees Road

1 June 2013

Alternative route via Selling Road and Lower Lees Road

SOUTHENAY LANE, BRABOURNE - closed between Fiddling Lane and Stone Hill

11 June 2013

Alternative route via Stone Hill, A20 Main Road, Moorstock Lane, Cock Ash Lane and Broad Street

ROMAN ROAD, ALDINGTON - closed between Postling Green and Upper Park Farm

11 June 2013

Alternative route via Church Lane, A20 Ashford Road and Otterpool Lane

B2067 BONNINGTON ROAD, BILSINGTON - closed between Priory Road and Bonnington Cross

11 June 2013

Alternative route via Newchurch Road, Honey Wood Lane and Frogmore Lane.

PRIORY ROAD, BILSINGTON - closed between Frith Road and Bonnington Road

11 & 12 June 2013

Alternative route via Frith Road, Ashford Road and Bonnington Road

COOPERS LANE, MERSHAM - closed between Roman Road and Chequer Tree Farm Road

12 June 2013

Alternative route via Bank Road, Laws Lane, Frith Road and Coopers Lane

BRISLEY LANE, RUCKINGE - closed between Stone Cross Road and Ashford Road

12 June 2013

Alternative route via Stone Cross Road and Ashford Road

BOND LANE, KINGSNORTH - closed between Ashford Road and Church Hill

12 & 13 June 2013

Alternative route via Steeds Lane, Ashford Road and Church Hill

MALTHOUSE LANE, WAREHORNE - closed between Woodchurch Road and Warehorne Road

13th June 2013

Alternative route via Warehorne Road, Ashford Road, Hamstreet Road and Birchett Lane

HAM MILL LANE, WAREHORNE - closed between Ashford Road and Cuckolds Lane

13 June 2013

Alternative route via Cuckolds Lane, Rhee Wall Road and A2070 Ashford Road

MOOR LANE, APPLEDORE - closed between Woodchurch Road and New Bridge

13 & 14 June 2013

Alternative route via Moor Lane, Brook Street, Appledore Road, Bench Hill and Woodchurch Road

HAYCROSS LANE, WOODCHURCH - closed between Brook Street and Susans Hill

14 June 2013

Alternative route via Brook Street and Susan's Hill

POPLAR ROAD, WITTERSHAM - closed between Coombelands and Kingsgate Lane

14 June 2013

Alternative route via Swan Street, Moons Green and Wittersham Road

MAYTHAM ROAD, ROLVENDEN - closed between Pix's Lane and Frog's Lane

14 June 2013

Alternative route via Frogs Lane and Hastings Road

MOCKBEGGAR LANE, BENENDEN - closed between Goddards Green Road and Cranbrook Road

14 June 2013

Alternative route via Goddards Green Road, Benenden Road and Cranbrook Road

LEWD LANE, SMARDEN - closed between Bell Lane and Mount Pleasant Farm

14 June 2013

Alternative route via Bell Lane, Water Lane, Mill Lane and Pluckley Road.

MUNDY BOIS LANE, PLUCKLEY - closed between Mundy Bois Road and Bell Lane

14 June 2013

Alternative route via Mundy Bois Road and The Pinnock

MALMAINS ROAD, PLUCKLEY - closed between Station Road and Surrenden Road

17 June 2013

Alternative route via Station Road, Dowle Street Road and Surrenden Road

RUSHBROOK & DOWLE STREET ROAD, PLUCKLEY - closed between Station Road and Malmains Road

17 June 2013

Alternative route via Station Road and Malmains Road

SURRENDEN ROAD, PLUCKLEY - closed between Swan Lane and Pluckley Road

17 June 2013

Alternative route via Swan Lane, Forge Hill, Station Road and Dowle Street Road

PARK LANE, CHARING - closed between Hunger Hatch Lane and Pivington Lane

17 June 2013

Alternative route via Bell Lane, Water Lane, Mill Lane and Pluckley Road

WOOTTON LANE, CHARING - closed between Westwell Lane and Maidstone Road

17 June 2013

Alternative route via Westweell Lane, Wicken Lane and A20 Ashford Road

NORTON LANE, BETHERSDEN - closed between Pluckley Road and Wissenden Lane

17 June 2013

Alternative route via Wissenden Lane, Church Hill, The Street, Mill Road and Pluckley Road

ETCHDEN ROAD, BETHERSDEN - closed between Park Lane and Bears Lane

17 & 18 June 2013

Alternative route via Park Lane, Vitters Oak Lane and Goldwell Lane

VITTERS OAK LANE, GREAT CHART - closed between Goldwell Lane to Old Surrenden Manor Road

18 June 2013

Alternative route via Goldwell Lane, A28 Ashford Road and Sandy Lane

These works are weather dependent, and adverse conditions may prevent some works going ahead on the dates shown. For any that are postponed, revised dates will be notified locally and signposted on site.

Certain roads may need a brief repeat closure 1-2 weeks after the closures shown above, to allow for replacement of lining, with closures notified by signage on site.

HIGHWAYS - CANTERBURY AREA

CHARTHAM HATCH LEVEL CROSSING, CHARTHAM, CANTERBURY (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2013

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of level crossing maintenance, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Chartham Hatch Level Crossing, Chartham, Canterbury, on or after 19 May 2013, as shown below.

Hatch Road, Chartham will be closed in the vicinity of the level crossing.

The planned closure times are from Sunday 19 May at 00:20 hours through until Monday 20 May 2013 at 04:00 hours.

The alternative route is via A28 Ashford Road, Howfield Lane, Town Lane and Hatch Lane.

A291 HERNE STREET, HERNE (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2013

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of works to upgrade a gas supply, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on A291 Herne Street, Herne, on or after 29 May 2013 as shown below.

It is planned Herne Street will be closed from 29 May 2013 for up to 2 days or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed in the vicinity of the Upper Red Lion Public House, to the north of the junction with School Lane.

There will be no through access between Canterbury and Herne Bay using the A291

The alternative route is via A291 Herne Street, Canterbury Road, Herne Bay Road, Sturry Hill, A28 Island Road, Canterbury Road, St Nicholas Roundabout, A299 Thanet Way, A291 Canterbury Road and Herne Steet.

Access to and from School Lane will remain from a southbound direction.

NORTHWOOD ROAD AREA, WHITSTABLE (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2013

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of gas mains replacement works, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on various side roads that join Northwood Road, Whitstable, on or after 28 May 2013, as shown below.

The following roads will each be closed at their northern junctions with Northwood Road. The roads will be closed in succession, working westwards (i.e. towards Whitstable). The alternative routes to reach Northwood Road are shown alongside.

PIER AVENUE - Tankerton Road and Wynn Road

WYNN ROAD - Tankerton Road and Manor Road

MANOR ROAD - Tankerton Road and Graystone Road

GRAYSTONE ROAD - Tankerton Road and Baddlesmere Road

BADDLESMERE ROAD - Tankerton Road and Fitzroy Road

FITZROY ROAD - Tankerton Road and St Anne's Road

Each junction will be closed for approximately 2 weeks, but this is dependent on weather and ground conditions. The exact dates will be notified to local residents and signposted on site.

SOUTH STREET, WHITSTABLE (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2013

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of essential carriageway repairs, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on South Street, Whitstable, on or after 30 May 2013 for up to 2 days, between 07:30 hours and 16:30 hours each day.

The road will be closed between the junctions with Chestfield Road and Millstrood Road.

The alternative route is via Millstrood Road, A2990 (Old) Thanet Way and Chestfield Road.

SWEECHBRIDGE ROAD, HERNE BAY (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2013

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of carriageway patching and junction modifications, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Sweechbridge Road, Herne Bay, on or after 28 May 2013 as shown below.

Sweechbridge Road will be closed for up to 4 days planned to commence from 28 May 2013.

The road will be closed between the junctions with May Street and Neville Road, with no through access between A299 Thanet Way and Reculver and Beltinge.

The alternative route is via A299 Thanet Way, Margate Road and Reculver Road.

The first 2 days are for carriageway patching and repairs in the vicinity of the railway bridge. The second 2 days are for junction modifications at the junction with Neville Road. Neville Road will be closed at this junction, with access remaining from Barnes Way.

VARIOUS ROADS, CANTERBURY (SURFACE DRESSING) (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER JUNE 2013

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

As part of a programme of carriageway Surface Dressing works, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on various roads throughout the Canterbury District, on or after 1 June 2013, as shown below.

The roads affected, planned dates of closure and alternative routes are as shown below.

Roads will be closed between 07:30 hours and 16:30 hours each day, except where otherwise stated.

NEW TOWN STREET, CHARTHAM closed for its entire length (junctions with Howfield Road and Hatch Lane)

1 June 2013 for 1 day

Alternative route via Hatch Lane, Town Lane, Howfield Lane

BIGBURY ROAD, HARBLEDOWN closed for its entire length (junctions with Howfield Lane and Faulkners Lane)

1 June 2013 for up to 2 days, 09:30 - 15:30

Alternative route via Faulkners Lane A2050, A2050 Rheims Way, A290, Rheims Way, A28 Wincheap, Thanington Road, Ashford Road, and Howfield Lane

FAULKNERS LANE, HARBLEDOWN closed between the junction with Bigbury Road and the Kent College junior and infant school (access to school will be maintained from the A2050 at all times)

2 June 2013 for 1 day - 09:30 - 15:30

Alternative route via Bigbury Road, Howfield Lane, A28 Ashford Road, Thanington Road, Wincheap, A290 / A2050 Rheims Way and A2050 Harbeldown Bypass

NEW HOUSE LANE, CHARTHAM closed for its entire length (junctions with Chartham Downs Road and Hollow Lane)

2 June 2013 for 1 day

Alternative route via Merton Lane, Iffin Lane, Chartham Downs Road

KENFIELD ROAD, PETHAM closed for its entire length (junctions with Chartham Downs Road and Garlinge Green Road)

2 June 2013 for 1 day

Alternative route via Chartham Downs Road and Garlinge Green Road

HOGG LANE, UPPER HARDRES closed for its entire length (junctions with Stone Street B2068 and Bow Hill)

2 June 2013 for 1 day

Alternative route via Stone Street B2068, Lime Kiln Lane, Hardres Court Road and Bow Hill

PETT BOTTOM ROAD, BRIDGE closed for its entire length (between junctions with Bridge Road and School Lane)

2 June 2013 for up to 2 days

Alternative Route via Bridge Road, Hardres Court Road and School Lane

WOODGATE, KINGSTON closed for its entire length (between junctions with Pett bottom Road and Crows Camp Road.

3 June 2013 for up to 1 day

Alternative route via Pett Bottom Road, Westwood Road, Pheasants Hall Road

WESTWOOD ROAD, KINGSTON will be closed between the junctions with Jesse's Hill and The Street.

3 June 2013 for 1 day

For further information, please contact Kent County Council Highways & Transportation, on 0300 333 5539 (local rate) or visit www.kent.gov.uk/highways

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HIGHWAYS

Alternative route via Westwood Road, Turks Hill and Marley Lane

MARLEY LANE, KINGSTON closed for its entire length (between junctions with Jess Hill and The Street.

3 June 2013 for 1 day

Alternative route via Marley Lane, Covet Lane and Valley Road

COVET LANE, BARHAM closed for its entire length (between junctions with Valley Road and Cole Hill

3 June 2013 for up to 2 days

Alternative route via Valley Road, The Street and Marley Lane

COLE HILL, BARHAM closed for its entire length (between junctions with Covet Lane and Railway Hill.

4 June 2013 for up to 1 day

Alternative route via Covet Lane, Valley Road and Green Hills

SOUTH BARHAM HILL, BARHAM closed for its entire length (between junctions with Derringstone Hill to Junction at Bladbean)

4 June 2013 for up to 1 days

Alternative route via Elham Valley Road and Straight Hill

OLD DOVER ROAD, BARHAM closed for its entire length (between junctions with Gravel Castle Road to the end of Road (past Rectory Lane)

4 June 2013 for up to 2 days

Alternative route via Rectory Lane, The Street, Valley Road, Derringstone Hill and Gravel Castle Road

OUT ELMSTEAD LANE, BARHAM closed for its entire length (between junctions with A2 Dover Road and Valley Road)

5 June 2013 for up to 1 days

Alternative route via A2 Dover Road, Black Robin Lane and Valley Road

CARTER ROAD, BEKESBOURNE closed for its entire length (between junctions with The Street and School Lane)

5 June 2013

Alternative route via The Street, Station Road and School Lane

CHERVILLE LANE, ICKHAM closed for its entire length (between junctions with A257 and Wingham Road

5 June 2013

Alternative route via A257 Canterbury Road and Wingham Road.

BRITTON FARM ROAD, ICKHAM closed for its entire length (as far as Private Road)

5 June 2013 for 1 day

No alternative route; every effort will be made to maintain access whenever it is safe to do so. There will be some times when this is not possible, with resultant delays.

BAYE LANE, ICKHAM closed for its entire length (between junctions with Seaton Road and Wickham lane

5 June 2013 for 1 day

Alternative route via Wickham Lane and Seaton Road

COURT HILL, LITTLEBOURNE closed for its entire length (between junctions with Stodmarsh Street and Nargate Street)

5 June 2013 for 1 day

Alternative route via Nargate Street, A257 Canterbury Road and Stodmarsh Road

LOWER HERNE ROAD, HERNE BAY closed for its entire length (between junctions with Canterbury road and junction with Bullockstone Road)

6 June 2013 for 1 day

Alternative route via Bullockstone Road and A291 Canterbury Road

MOLEHILL ROAD, HERNE BAY closed for its entire length (between junctions with Thornden Wood Road and Chestfield Road)

6 June 2013 for up to 2 days

Alternative Route via Thornden Wood Road, Greenhill Road, A2990 (Old) Thanet Way and Chestfield Road

RECULVER LANE, RECULVER closed for its entire length (between junctions with Brook Lane to Fort Reculver)

7 June 2013 for 1 day

No alternative route; every effort will be made to maintain access whenever it is safe to do so. There will be some times when this is not possible, with resultant delays

These works are weather dependent, and adverse conditions may prevent some works going ahead on the dates shown. For any that are postponed, revised dates will be notified locally and signposted on site.

Certain roads may need a brief repeat closure 1-2 weeks after the closures shown above, to allow for replacement of lining, with closures notified by signage on site.

HIGHWAYS - DOVER AREA

CHURCH PATH, DEAL (RESTRICTIONS ON DRIVING & PEDESTRIANS) TEMPORARY ORDER 2013

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of gas mains replacement works, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic and pedestrians on a section of Church Path, Deal, on or after 13 May 2013 for up to 3 weeks, as shown below.

Church Path footpath will be closed to pedestrians between the junctions with Claremont Road and Bowling Green Lane.

The alternative route is via Claremont Road, A258 London Road and Bowling Green Lane.

CHURCH STREET ST MARY'S, SANDWICH (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2013

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

To allow the safe placement of scaffolding for building repairs, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Church Street St Mary's, Sandwich, on or after 25 May 2013 for up to 2 weeks or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed between the junctions with Vicarage Lane and Strand Street.

The alternative route is via Vicarage Lane, Bowling Street and Strand Street.

A258 DOVER ROAD, WALMER, DEAL (10 MPH SPEED LIMIT) TEMPORARY ORDER 2013

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

For the safety of the public and workforce during works to apply High Friction Surfacing, Kent County Council intends to make an Order imposing a temporary maximum speed limit of 10 miles per hour on the A258 Dover Road, Walmer, Deal, on or after 27 May 2013 for up to 2 days, between 09:30 hours and 15:30 hours each day.

This affects both carriageways of the following sections of road

A258 DOVER ROAD, WALMER, between the junctions with Belmont and Station Road

A258 DOVER ROAD, RINGWOULD, for a distance of 50 metres either side of the junction with Ripple Road

The Order applies when the relevant signs are on display, and is in conjunction with temporary traffic lights and a "Convoy System" to escort traffic through the roadworks.

The speed limits will only apply when the convoy working is in place, and the relevant signs are displayed on site.

HIGHWAYS - GRAVESEND AREA

PRINCES STREET, GRAVESEND (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2013

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of building repairs on the Primark store, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Princes Street, Gravesend, on or after 19th May 2013 for up to 1 day or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed as the road enters the One Way System. There will be no access for through traffic at this location.

The alternative route is via: West Street, Crooked Lane, The Terrace, Harmer Street, Berkley Crescent, King Street.

HIGHWAYS - MAIDSTONE AREA

CHART HILL ROAD, CHART SUTTON/BOUGHTON MONCHELSEA (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2013

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of BT Openreach working on overhead network cables, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Chart Hill Road, Chart Sutton/Boughton Monchelsea on or after 28 May 2013 for up to 1 day or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed from Lower Farm Road to outside Lord Raglan Pub.

The alternative route is via A229 Staplehurst Road/Linton Hill, B2163 Heath Road, Park Lane, Back Lane, Amber Lane, Chart Hill Road.

WATER LANE, DETLING/THURNHAM (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2013

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of repairs to the railway bridge, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Water Lane, Detling/Thurnham on or after 13 May 2013 for up to 3 weeks or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed at the railway bridge.

The alternative route is via The Street, Thurnham Lane, Pilgrims Way.

HIGHWAYS - SEVENOAKS AREA

BOUGH BEECH ROAD, FOUR ELMS, HEVER, SEVENOAKS (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2013

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of the installation of high friction surface and road markings, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Bough Beech Road, Four Elms, Sevenoaks, on or after 31st May 2013 for up to 1 day or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed from the junction with Four Elms Road/Ide Hill Road/Pootings Road south-east for a distance of 500 metres (to "Dunmore"). There will be no access for through traffic at this location.

The alternative route is via Clinton Lane, Chequers Hill, Hever Road, High Street (Edenbridge), Mont St Aignan Way, Station Road, B2027 Four Elms Road and Vice Versa.

FOUR ELMS ROAD, HEVER, SEVENOAKS (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2013

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of the installation of high friction surface and road markings, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Four Elms Road, Hever, Sevenoaks, on or after 1st June 2013 for up to 1 day or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed from the junction with Pootings Road/Ide Hill Road/Bough Beech Road south west for a distance of 60 metres (to Four Elms Petrol Station). There will be no access for through traffic at this location.

The alternative route is via Swan Lane, B2026 Main Road, B269 Spout Lane, B269 Pootings Road and vice versa.

IDE HILL ROAD, FOUR ELMS, HEVER, SEVENOAKS (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2013

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of the installation of high friction surface and road markings, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Ide Hill Road, Four Elms, Hever, Sevenoaks, on or after 2nd June 2013 for up to 1 day or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed from the junction with Pootings Road/Four Elms Road/Bough Beech Road north-east for a distance of 80 metres (to Chapel House). There will be no access for through traffic at this location.

The alternative route is via B269 Pootings Road, B269 Spout Lane, B2026 Hosey Common Road, A25 Brasted Road/Westerham Road/Main Road, Church Road, Sundridge Road and vice versa.

POOTINGS ROAD, FOUR ELMS, SEVENOAKS (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2013

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of the installation of high friction surface and road markings, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Pootings Road, Four Elms, Sevenoaks, on or after 30th May 2013 for up to 1 day or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed from the junction with Four Elms Road/Ide Hill Road/Bough Beech Raod north-west for a distance of 210 metres (to Four Elms Farm). There will be no access for through traffic at this location.

The alternative route is via B2027 Four Elms Road, Swan Lane, B2026 Main Road, B269 Spout Lane and Vice Versa.

HIGHWAYS - SHEPWAY AREA

BOARMAN'S LEVEL CROSSING, TICKNER'S LANE, ROMNEY MARSH (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2013

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of works to resurface the level crossing, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Boarman's Level Crossing, Tickner's Lane, Romney Marsh, on or after 29 May 2013 as shown below.

The road will be closed on Wednesday 29 May from 09:00 hours until 16:00 hours.

The alternative route is via Barnhouse Lane, Tillery Lane, A259 Rhee Wall and Tickner's Lane.

COOPER'S LANE, SELLINDGE (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2013

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of electricity cable repair works, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Cooper's Lane, Sellindge, on or after 13 May 2013 for up to 2 weeks or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed between the junctions with A20 Hythe Road and Stone Hill .

The alternative route is via A20 Hythe Road and Stone Hill.

THE GREEN, SALTWOOD (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2013

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

To allow access to phone cables in the carriageway, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on The Green, Saltwood, on or after 28 May 2013 for up to 1 day, between 09:30 hours and 15:30 hours.

The eastern side of The Green will be closed to northbound traffic, with traffic directed to use the other 2 sections of The Green.

HIGHWAYS - SWALE AREA

CROWN QUAY LANE, SITTINGBOURNE (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2013

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of works to apply High Friction Surfacing, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Crown Quay Lane, Sittingbourne, on or after 30 May 2013 for up to 2 nights, between 20:00 hours through until 05:00 hours each night.

The road will be closed between the junctions with A2 St Michael's Road and Eurolink Way.

The alternative route is via A2 St Michael's Road, Dover Street, West Street, London Road, Key Street, Sheppey Way, B2006 Staplehurst Road, St Paul's Street, Mill Way, Eurolink Way and Crown Quay Lane

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL (MINSTER ROAD, MINSTER ON SEA) (ZEBRA CROSSING) ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984

NOTICE is hereby given that the Kent County Council, in exercise of its powers under section 23 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, intends to install a zebra crossing outside 140 Minster Road, Minster on Sea. A plan showing the location of the proposed zebra crossing may be inspected during normal working hours Mondays to Fridays at Kent County Council, Ashford Highway Depot, Javelin Way, Ashford, Kent, TN24 8AD or at www.kent.gov.uk/khsconsult

If you wish to offer support for or object to the proposed Zebra Crossing you should send the grounds, in writing to Mr Steve Darling, Kent County Council, Highways & Transportation, Javelin Way, Ashford, Kent TN24 8AD or email traffic.schemes@kent.gov.uk by noon on 31 May 2013.

SOUTH BUSH LANE & THE STREET, UPCHURCH (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2013

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of essential carriageway 'Find & Fix' repairs, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on South Bush Lane and The Street, Upchurch, on or after 13 May 2013 as shown below.

SOUTH BUSH LANE, UPCHURCH will be closed for its entire length, 13 May 2013 for up to 6 days

The alternative route is via A2 London Road, Spade Lane and Meresborough Lane.

THE STREET, UPCHURCH will be closed between the 2 junctions with Poot Lane, from 28 May 2013 for up to 5 days

The alternative route is via Forge Lane, Halstow Lane and The Street.

The roads will be closed between 09:30 hours and 15:30 hours each day, and re-opened outside these times.

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HIGHWAYS

THE STREET, IWADE (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2013

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of urgent carriageway repairs, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on The Street, Iwade, on or after 28 May 2013, as shown below.

It is planned that The Street will be closed from Tuesday 28 May 2013 for up to 3 days, from 09:30 hours to 15:30 hours each day.

The road will be closed for its entire length, with no through access through Iwade.

The alternative route is via Ferry Road, Grovehurst Road, A249 Iwade Bypass and Sheppey Way.

VARIOUS ROADS, SWALE (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER MAY 2013

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of carriageway patching works prior to surface treatments, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on various roads in the Swale area, on or after 13 May 2013 as shown below.

Roads will be closed between 08:30 hours and 17:30 hours each day, and re-opened outside these times.

The roads affected, dates of closure and alternative routes are as shown below.

BLIND MARY'S LANE, BREDGAR - closed between Silver Street & Swanton Street, 13 to 17 May 2013

Alternative route via Silver Street, Gore Road & Swanton Street

WISES LANE, BORDEN - closed between Cryalls Lane and The Street, 17 and 20 May 2013

Alternative route via London Road, Borden Lane and The Street

HIGH OAK HILL, NEWINGTON - closed between Church Lane and Belnor Avenue, 17 May to 24 May 2013

Alternative route via Stickfast Lane, Parsonage Lane, Cold Harbour Lane, Rook Lane and Boyces Hill

OWENS COURT ROAD, SELLING - closed between Selling Road and New House Lane, 24 & 28 to 29 May 2013

Alternative route via Selling Road, Featherbed Lane and Winding Hill

PRESTON LANE & THE CLOSE, FAVERSHAM - closed between The Mall and St Catherine's Drive, 29 to 31 May 2013

Alternative route via Preston Grove, London Road and The Mall

FAVERSHAM ROAD, OSPRINGE - closed between London Road and the M2 Overbridge, 31 May 2013 to 4 June 2013

Alternative route via Rushett Lane, Provender Lane and London Road

FROGNAL LANE, TEYNHAM - closed between Lower Road and London Road, 4 to 5 June 2013

Alternative route via Lower Road, Station Road and London Road

SUTTON BARRON ROAD, BORDEN - closed between Pond Farm Road and Wrens Road, 5 to 7 June 2013

Alternative route via Pond Farm Road, The Street and Hearts Delight

VARIOUS ROADS, SWALE (SURFACE DRESSING) (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER MAY 2013

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of carriageway surface dressing works, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on various roads in the Swale area, on or after 30 May 2013 as shown below.

Roads will be closed between 08:30 hours and 17:30 hours each day and re-opened outside these times.

The roads affected, planned dates of closures and alternative routes are as shown below.

BLIND MARY'S LANE, BREDGAR closed between Silver Street and Swanton Street, 30 May 2013

Alternative route via Silver Street, Gore Road and Swanton Street

BOGLE ROAD, LYNSTED - closed between Lynsted Lane and Nouds Lane, 30 May 2013

Alternative route via Lynsted Lane, A2 London Road and Nouds Lane

HIGH OAK HILL, NEWINGTON will be closed between Church Lane and Belnor Avenue, 30 May 2013

Alternative route via Stickfast Lane, Parsonage Lane, Cold Harbour Lane, Rook Lane and Boyces Hill

WISES LANE, BORDEN closed between Cryalls Lane and The Street

30 May 2013

Alternative route via A2 London Road, Borden Lane and The Street

PLUMFORD LANE, THROWLEY closed between Old Baggins Road and Ashford Road, 30 & 31 May 2013

Alternative route via Wilgate Green Road, Old Baggins Road and A251 Ashford Road

FAVERSHAM ROAD, OSPRINGE closed between London Road and the M2 Overbridge, 31 May 2013

Alternative route via Rushett Lane, Provender Lane and A2 London Road

OLD BADGINS ROAD, THROWLEY will be closed between Wilgate Green Road and Ashford Road, 31 May 2013

Alternative route via Wilgate Green Road, Plumford Lane and Ashford Road

OWENS COURT ROAD, SELLING will be closed between Selling Road and New House Lane, 1 June 2013

Alternative route via Selling Road, Featherbed Lane and Winding Hill

These works are weather dependent, and adverse conditions may prevent works going ahead on the dates shown. Revised dates will be notified locally and signposted on site.

Certain roads may need a brief repeat closure 1-2 weeks after the closures shown above, to allow for replacement of lining, with closures notified by signage on site.

HIGHWAYS - THANET AREA

ALEXANDRA ROAD, RAMSGATE (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2013

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of works to provide a new gas supply, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Alexandra Road, Ramsgate, on or after 13 May 2013 for up to 3 days or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed between the junctions with Margate Road and St Luke's Avenue.

The alternative route is via Margate Road, Percy Road and St Luke's Avenue.

NEWINGTON ROAD, RAMSGATE (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2013

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of carriageway repairs, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on B2014 Newington Road, Ramsgate, on or after 28 May 2013, as shown below.

It is planned that Newington Road will be closed from Tuesday 28 May 2013 for up to 2 nights, between 19:00 hours until midnight each night.

The road will be closed between the junctions with A255 High Street St Lawrence and B2050 Manston Road.

The alternative route is via A2050 Manston Road, A256 Haine Road, A299 Canterbury Road East, A255 Nethercourt Hill and High Street St Lawrence.

HIGHWAYS - TONBRIDGE & MALLING AREA

A20 LONDON ROAD, AYLESFORD (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2013

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of repairs to the railway bridge, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on A20 London Road, Aylesford on or after 27 May 2013 for up to 7 days or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed between Coldharbour Lane and Beaver Road.

The alternative route is via A20 London Road, A228 Ashton Way/King Hill/Malling Road, A26 Tonbridge Road, Terrace Road, A20 London Road.

PIERCE MILL LANE, HADLOW (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2013

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because it is necessary for deck replacement of the bridge, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Pierce Mill Lane, Hadlow on or after 27 May 2013 for up to 3 months or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed at Barnes Street Bridge.

The alternative route is via Hatches Lane, Tonbridge Road.

KING STREET, WEST MALLING (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2013

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of alteration to an existing service, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on King Street, West Malling, Tonbridge & Malling, on or after 13 May 2013 for up to 8 days or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed outside number 18.

The alternative route is via High Street, King Street.

HIGHWAYS - TUNBRIDGE WELLS

COLLIERS GREEN ROAD, CRANBROOK (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2013

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because it is necessary to replace a telegraph pole, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Colliers Green Road, Cranbrook, on or after 1 June 2013 for up to 2 days or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed from Marden Road to Round Green Lane.

The alternative route is via A262 Goudhurst Road, A229 Wilsley Pound/The Common/Rocks Hill/Cranbrook Road, Pinnock Lane, Goudhurst Road, Folly Hill, Round Green Lane.

GROOMBRIDGE ROAD, SPELDHURST (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2013

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of repairs to a culvert, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Groombridge Road, Speldhurst, Tunbridge Wells, on or after 13 May 2013 for up to 5 days or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed outside "Cockshots".

The alternative route is via Groombridge Road, Bird In the Hand Street, The Green, B2110 Groombridge Hill, A264 Ashurst Road.

HIGHWAYS - WEST KENT AREA

VARIOUS ROADS, KENT (RESURFACING) (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2013

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

To allow a programme of carriageway Surface Dressing works to be carried out, Kent County Council has made an Order to restrict traffic on various roads in Kent, as shown below.

The Order will become effective on or after **13th May 2013** for up to 18 months, or until the works have been completed.

The planned dates and times for each road closure or restriction are shown below, in a Schedule listed in alphabetical order of District.

Planned dates will be indicated by signage displayed on site 7 days in advance. Road closures and other restrictions will be in effect when the appropriate signage and barriers are in place.

The roads in the schedule will need to be re-closed approximately 7 days after the original closure to carry out road sweeping, replacement of lines and to adjust manholes as required.

Every effort will be made to keep to the schedule shown below. Some minor modifications may be made to dates and duration of works, to be advised once known.

Adverse weather conditions may prevent some works being carried out on the planned dates.

Roads that are missed will be re-scheduled, as advised locally and signposted on site.

SCHEDULE

DARTFORD

A226 DARTFORD ROAD, DARTFORD - closed between West Hill mini roundabout and Stanham Road.

17th to 25th June 2013 1900hrs - 0200hrs week evenings only

Diversion will be Dartford Road, Princes Road and Shepherds Lane.

GRAVESHAM SURFACE DRESSING

DOWNS ROAD, NORTHFLEET - Fairview Road to Northfleet Green Road

13th May 2013 0800hrs - 1900hrs

Alternative route via Downs Road, Broad Ditch Road, New Barn Road and Northfleet Green Road.

MAIDSTONE SURFACE DRESSING

TESTON LANE, WEST FARLEIGH - Closed between A26 Tonbridge Road and B2010 Lower Road.

16th May 2013 0830hrs - 1730hrs

Alternative route via A26 Tonbridge Road, B2015 Bow Road, Maidstone Road, B2162 Hampstead Lane, Lees Road, B2010 High Street, Yalding Hill, Smiths Hill, Lower Road (And vice versa)

GREENWAY COURT ROAD, HOLLINGBORNE - Closed between A20 Ashford Road and Eyehorne Street.

24th May 2013 0830hrs - 1730hrs

Alternative route via A20 Ashford Road and Eyehorne Street. (And vice versa).

BOUGHTON ROAD, LENHAM - Closed between Headcorn Road and a point 50m south of Lenham Heath Road crossroads

24th May 2013 0830hrs - 1730hrs

Alternative route via Headcorn Road and Chain Gate Road (And vice versa).

LODDINGTON LANE, BOUGHTON MONCHELSEA - closed between B2163 Heath Road and Butt Green Lane.

24th May 2013 0830hrs - 1730hrs

Alternative route via Butt Green Lane, A229 Linton Hill and B2163 Heath Road. (And vice versa).

BENOVER ROAD, COLLIER STREET - Closed between Haviker Street and Forge Lane

28th May 2013 0900hrs - 1500hrs

Alternative route via B2162 Collier Street, Benover Road, High Street Yalding, Yalding Hill, Smiths Hill, Ewell Lane, Heath Road, A229 Linton Hill, Staplehurst Road, B2079 Maidstone Road, High Street Marden, Church Green, West End, Goudhurst Road, Winchet Hill, Summerhill, C50 Ballards Hill, Goudhurst Road, B2162 Maidstone Road, Claygate and Collier Street (And vice versa).

WILDEN PARK ROAD/MARDEN THORNE, STAPLEHURST - Closed between Park Road and Five Oak Lane.

29th May 2013 0830hrs - 1730hrs

Alternative route via Pagehurst Road, Five Ash Lane and Five Oak Lane (And vice versa).

SNOAD LANE, STAPLEHURST - Closed between Five Oak Lane and Pristling Lane.

29th May 2013 0830hrs - 1730hrs

Alternative Route via Five Oak Lane, Goudhurst Road and Pristling Lane. (And vice versa)

PRISTLING LANE, STAPLEHURST - Closed between Goudhurst Road, Staplehurst and Snoad Lane

29th May 2013 0830hrs - 1730hrs

Alternative Route via Goudhurst Road Five Oak Lane and Snoad Lane. (And vice versa)

BOY COURT LANE, HEADCORN - Tilden (Upper Little Boy Court Farm)

30th May 2013 0830hrs - 1730hrs

No alternative route as no through road.

FRINSTEAD LANE, WORMSHILL - closed up to Bedmonton House entrance.

30th May 2013 0830hrs - 1730hrs

(No alternative route as this is a no through road)

SEVENOAKS SURFACE DRESSING

WILSON LANE, HORTON KIRBY - Rabbits Road to Gill's Road

13th May 2013 0800 - 1900hrs

Alternative route via Rabbits Road, Canada Farm Road, Green Street Green Road and Gill's Road.

COTMANS ASH LANE, KEMSING - Clarkes Green Road to Pilgrims Way

13th May 2013 0800hrs - 1900hrs

Alternative route via Tinkerpot Lane, St Clere Hill Road, Knockmill Lane, Old Terry's Lodge Road and Pilgrims Way.

SCALLOPS, SUNDRIDGE - B2042 Ide Hill Road to Winkhurst Green Road

13th May 2013 08:00hrs - 19:00hrs

Alternative route via Ide Hill Road, Chequers Hill, Tonbridge Road, Bore Place Road and Winkhurst Green Road

BLUEBERRY LANE, KNOCKHOLT - Main Road and Pound Lane

13th May 2013 0800hrs - 1900hrs

Alternative route via Main Road and Pound Lane

SOUTH BROOK LANE, BRASTED - Green Lane to Toy's Hill

13th - 14th May 2013 0800hrs - 1900hrs

Alternative route via Green Lane and Toy's Hill

ST JULIANS ROAD, SEVENOAKS WEALD - A225 London Road to Fawke Wood Road

14th May 2013 0915hrs - 1900hrs

Alternative Route via River Hill, B245 London Road (via Morley's Roundabout), Bank Lane, Carter's Hill and Fawke Wood Road

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HIGHWAYS

HALE OAK ROAD, SEVENOAKS WEALD - B2027 Tonbridge Road to Bowzell Road

14th May 2013 0800hrs - 1900hrs

Alternative route via B2027 Tonbridge Road, Camp Hill, Coppings Road, Scabharbour Road, Long Barn Road and Windmill Road

FIVE FIELDS LANE, BRASTED - Four Elms Road to Clinton Lane

14th May 2013 0800 - 1900hrs

Alternative route via Four Elms Road and Clinton Lane

B2026 HARTFIELD ROAD, EDENBRIDGE - closed between B2026 Mill Hill and Lydens Lane

16th May 2013 0900hrs - 0500hrs

Alternative route via B2026 Mill Hill, B2207 Four Elms Road, B2027 Clinton Lane, B2027 Tonbridge Road, Penshurst Road, B2088 Spring Hill, A264 Ashurst Road, A264 Holtye Road and B2026 Hartfield Road

TONBRIDGE AND MALLING SURFACE DRESSING

LEIGH ROAD, HILDENBOROUGH - closed between Brookmead and Meopham Bank Farm

16th May 2013 0830hrs - 1730hrs

Alternative route via Stocks Green Lane, Rings Hill, Hildenborough Road and Powder Mill Lane. (And vice versa)

THONG LANE, BOROUGH GREEN - closed between Quarry Hill Road and Basted Mill

18th May 2013 0830hrs - 1730hrs

Alternative route via A25 Sevenoaks Road, A227 Borough Green Road, Fen Pond Road, The Street, Bates Hill, Mill Lane & Thong Lane. (And vice versa)

COMMON ROAD, HADLOW - closed between A26 Maidstone Road and Carpenters Lane.

18th May 2013 0830hrs - 1730hrs

Alternative route via A26 Maidstone Road and Carpenters Lane. (And vice versa)

CARPENTERS LANE, HADLOW - closed between The A26 Maidstone Road and Common Road.

18th May 2013 0830hrs - 1730hrs

Alternative route via A26 Maidstone Road and Common Road. (And vice versa)

KEMSING ROAD, WROTHAM - closed between - Fen Pond Road and Borough Green Road.

18th to 19th May 2013 0830hrs - 1730hrs

Alternative route via Fen Pond Road, A227 Borough Green Road, A25 Sevenoaks Road, Western Road,A227 Wrotham Road, A227 Borough Green Road, Borough Green Road. (And vice versa)

COURT ROAD WATER WORKS [Access Road], BURHAM - Closed between Court Road and Works.

19th May 2013 0830hrs - 1730hrs

No Alternative route.

HATHAM GREEN LANE, STANSTED - closed between Ash Road and Plaxdale Green Road.

19th May 2013 0830hrs - 1730hrs

Alternative route via Ash Road, A20 London Road and Plaxdale Green Road. (And vice versa).

TUMBLEFIELD ROAD, STANSTED - closed between Plaxdale Green Road and Wrotham Hill Road.

19th May 2013 0830hrs - 1730hrs

Alternative route via Plaxdale Green Road, Labour in Vain Road. (And vice versa).

SANDY LANE, RYARSH - closed between The A20 London Road and Fartherwell Road.

19th May 2013 0830hrs - 1730hrs

Alternative route via A20 London Road, Ashton Way, A228, King Hill, Teston Road, Offham Rd and Norman Road. (And vice versa)

FARTHERWELL ROAD, WEST MALLING - Closed between Ford lane and St Vincent's Lane

21st May 2013 0830hrs - 1730hrs

Alternative route via Sandy Lane, A20 London Road, Ashton Way, A228, King Hill, Teston Road. (And vice versa)

CASTLE WAY, LEYBOURNE - closed between The A20 London Road and The M20 intersection.

21st - 22nd May 2013 0830hrs - 1730hrs

Alternative route via A228 Leybourne by pass and Ashton Way. (And vice versa). CAN THIS BE DONE UNDER S&G?

LADDS LANE, SNODLAND - closed between Manley Boulevard and the Quarry

22nd May 2013 0830hrs - 1730hrs

Alternative route via A228 Malling Road, Kent Road, Vicarage Road,

The Street, Upper Halling Pilgrims Way and Ladds Lane. (And vice versa).

PRATLING STREET, AYLESFORD - Closed between Rochester Road and Beddow Way

22nd May 2013 0830hrs - 1730hrs

Alternative route via Rochester Road, Forstal Road, Beddow Way and Pratling Street. (And vice versa).

TUNBRIDGE WELLS SURFACE DRESSING

OLD HOUSE LANE, FORDCOMBE - closed between B2168 Fordcombe Road and Leggs Lane.

14th May 2013 0830hrs - 1730hrs

Alternative route via B2168 Fordcombe Road, The Lane and Old House Road. (And vice versa)

VAUXHALL LANE, SOUTHBOROUGH - closed between A26 London Road and Vauxhall Lane at Cottage Hospital entrance.

14th - 15th May 2013 0900hrs - 1500hrs

Alternative route via Vauxhall Lane, A2014 Pembury Road, A26 Quarry Hill Road and A26 London Road. (And vice versa).

CHEQUERS ROAD, GOUDHURST - A262 Cranbrook Road to B2079 North Road

15th May 2013 0830hrs - 1730hrs

Alternative route via A262 Goudhurst Road, B2079 North Road and B2084 Chequers Road (and vice versa).

CURTISDEN GREEN LANE - closed between B2079 Winchet Hill and Horden Road

15th May 2013 0900hrs - 1500hrs

Alternative route via Sherenden Lane and Wilden Park Road. (And vice versa)

FRIEZLEY LANE, GOUDHURST - closed for its whole length

15th May 2013 0830hrs - 1730hrs

(No alternative route as this is a no through road).

BABBS LANE, BENENDEN - B2086 Mounts Hill to Nineveh Lane.

16th May 2013 0830hrs - 1730hrs

Alternative route via Coldharbour Lane, Iden Green Road, New Pond Road and B2086 Cranbrook Road (And vice versa).

John Burr
Director of Highways & Transportation
Kent County Council
Invicta House
County Hall,
Maidstone
Kent ME14 1XQ **Dated 12th May 2013**

For further information, please contact Kent County Council Highways & Transportation, on 0300 333 5539 (local rate) or visit www.kent.gov.uk/highways

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PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY

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PROW - IN THE CITY OF CANTERBURY

NOTICE OF THE INTENTION TO MAKE AN ORDER TO TEMPORARILY CLOSE PUBLIC FOOTPATH CC12

IN THE CITY OF CANTERBURY

PUBLIC FOOTPATH CC12
(PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2013

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 SECTION 14(1), AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Kent County Council intends to temporarily close Public Footpath CC12, between Beaconsfield Road and its junction with Public Right of Way CC9 from the 20th May 2013.

The path will be closed for a maximum of six months, although it is expected that it will reopen before 1st June 2013.

The path is to be closed because works are planned on it and there is a likelihood of danger to users.

The alternative route is via Beaconsfield Road and Public Footpath CC9 and will be signed for the duration of the closure.

For detailed enquiries please contact Louise Adams

Contact Centre No. 0845 3450210

Or for further details on temporary closures on the Rights of Way network see:

http://www.kent.gov.uk/environment_and_planning/countryside_access/traffic_regulation_orders.aspx

Public Rights of Way and Access Service
Kent County Council
Invicta House
County Hall
Maidstone
Kent
ME14 1XX **Dated: 12th May 2013**

This document is available in alternative formats and can be explained in a range of languages.

For further information, please contact Kent Public Rights of Way and Access Service, on 0845 345 0210 (Mon-Fri 8am-8pm) or visit www.kent.gov.uk/countrysideaccess

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PREMISES/ GOODS LICENCES

PUBLIC NOTICE LICENSING ACT 2003

An application has been validated for the premises from Kent Entertainment Ltd, trading as **Hadlow Manor Hotel** - Goose Green, Hadlow, Tonbridge, Kent TN11 0JH.

On the date of: **26 March 2013**

Summary of the proposed licensable activities and the proposed hours of opening:
Live Music from 12:00 hours until 00:00 hours every day
Recorded Music from 09:00 hours until 00:00 hours every day
Performance of dance from 12:00 hours until 00:00 hours every day
Late Night Refreshment from 23:00 hours until 01:00 hours every day
Supply of alcohol from 10:00 hours until 01:00 hours every day
The premises are open to the public are 24 hours per day

Any person wishing to view details of an application can contact the licensing team on 01732 876368

Any person wishing to make representation about the proposals should make them in writing to:

Ref: 13/00430/PREM - Hadlow Manor Hotel, Licensing Services, Tonbridge & Malling Borough Council, Gibson Building, Gibson Drive, Kings Hill, West Malling, Kent ME19 4LZ

licensing.services@tmbc.gov.uk

Notice to be displayed for 28 days from 29.04.2013 to 26.05.2013

It is an offence knowingly or recklessly to make a false statement in connection with an application. The maximum fine for which a person is liable on summary of conviction for the offence is£5000.

LICENSING ACT 2003 - APPLICATION FOR THE VARIATION OF PREMISES LICENCE

An application to vary the Premises Licence at **7 Grosvenor Road, Tunbridge Wells. TN1 2AH** has been made by **H & K CORPORATION (KENT) LTD T/A SUBWAY**.

Proposed Licensable Activities and hours of opening are listed below:
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT H & K CORPORATION (KENT) LTD HAS APPLIED TO TUNBRIDGE WELLS COUNCIL FOR THE VARY OF LATE NIGHT PREMISES LICENCE (REFRESHMENT PURPOSE) FOR OUR SUBWAY WHERE WE SELL FOOD AND SOFT DRINKS FROM 6AM TILL 4.30 AM FROM THUR TO SAT, AND 6 AM TO 1 AM FROM SUN TO WED. WE HAVE CCTV IN STORE WHICH RECORDS AND CAN BE VIEWED UPTO A MONTH. NO ENTERTAINMENT IS CARRIED OUT TO HARM CHILDREN AND WE DO NOT SELL OR ALLOW ALCOHOL. THERE IS SIA DOORMAN DURING LICENSING HOURS
Any person wishing to view details of an application can contact the licensing team on 01732 227004.
Any person wishing to make representation about the proposals should make them in writing by 28th May 2013 to :
LICENSING PARTNERSHIP,
PO BOX 182, SEVENOAKS, TN13 1GP
E-MAIL: licensing@sevenoaks.gov.uk
WEBSITE: http://pa.sevenoaks.gov.uk/online-licensing
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ARCHANT KOS MEDIA LTD TERMS AND CONDITIONS

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21. Any delivery claims made by the advertiser or discount vouchers published within the print or online media of Archant KOS Media Ltd and any action as a result of the public or otherwise is the sole responsibility of the advertiser. Any claims resulting from this via Archant KOS Media Ltd must be met by the advertiser.
22. a. All credit accounts due for payment shall be notified to the Advertiser by the 30th day following the date of the invoice, time to be of the essence. All sums due to Archant KOS Media Ltd shall be paid in full, and the Advertiser shall have no right of set off in any circumstances.
b. In the event that payment is not received by Archant KOS Media Ltd or RBS Factoring by the due date, the media owner shall be entitled to suspend all further advertising until payment is received and/or repudiate the contract and make any surcharges for breaking the contract.
c. In the event that payment is not received by Archant KOS Media Ltd by the due date, the media owner reserves the right to charge interest on all overdue balances calculated on a daily basis at the rate of two per cent above the minimum lending rate of National Westminster Bank Plc from time to time in force.
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26. The Advertiser agrees to indemnify Archant KOS Media Ltd in respect of all costs, damages or other charges falling upon the media owners or any of the companies within the Archant KOS Media Group as the result of legal action or threatened legal action or threatened legal arising from the publication of any advertisement or advertising promotion.
27. An order for an advertisement shall amount to acceptance of these terms and conditions, and any condition placed on an order by an Advertiser shall be null and void in so far as it conflicts with them.
28. Copyright in advertisements produced wholly or partially by the media owners belong to Archant KOS Media Ltd. Advertisers may not reproduce such advertisements without the media owner's written consent.

All terms and conditions stated above are in place to protect the advertiser, the media owner and the communities they serve within the public domain as well as the beneficial rights of individuals and organisations. Archant KOS Media will endeavour to always act reasonably in applying its terms and conditions.
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THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL (CANTERBURY)(TRAFFIC REGULATION AND STREET PARKING PLACES)(AMENDMENT NO 2) ORDER 2013

Notice is hereby given that KENT COUNTY COUNCIL has made the above Order under sections 1(1), 2(1) to (3), 3(2), 4(1) and (2), 32(1), 35(1), 45, 46, 49 and 53 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, and of all other enabling powers, and after consultation with the chief officer of police in accordance with Part III of Schedule 9 to the Act:

The effect of the Order is to amend the Kent County Council (Canterbury) (Traffic Regulation and Street Parking Places) (Consolidation) Order 2012 by introducing new or varying existing parking and waiting restrictions on the following lengths of road in Canterbury:

200	St Martins Terrace	Extend double yellow lines outside No 5
400	Warwick Road	Single yellow lines on both sides, near the junction with Littlebourne Road
430	Burgate	Loading ban and goods vehicles loading bay.
440	Canterbury Lane	Loading ban and alterations to motor cycle and disabled parking areas.
600	Rose Lane	Taxi rank
1300	Roseacre Close	Residents' parking
1500	Pine Tree Avenue	Double yellow lines
2000	Headcorn Drive	Double yellow lines around the bend
2100	Kemsing Gardens	Double yellow lines across the garage access
2200	Donsway Drive	Double yellow lines
9991	Kent Avenue, Blackfriars Street, Harcourt Drive, Strangers Lane, Barton Road and Shipman Avenue	Make existing disabled parking bays enforceable

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL (HERNE BAY)(TRAFFIC REGULATION AND STREET PARKING PLACES)(AMENDMENT NO 2) ORDER 2013

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The effect of the Order is to amend the Kent County Council (Herne Bay) (Traffic Regulation and Street Parking Places) (Consolidation) Order 2012 by introducing new or varying existing parking and waiting restrictions on the following lengths of road in Herne Bay:

3200	Mill View Road and Strode Park Road	Double yellow lines
3500	Hillcroft Road and Green Acres Close	Double yellow lines
3825	Reculver Road	Double yellow lines
3900	Beltinge Road	Double yellow lines
4200	Dence Park	Double yellow lines
4350	Douglas Road	Double yellow lines
4500	Kings Road and Bay Mews	Extend double yellow lines across the access to Bay Mews
4700	Station Chine	Double yellow lines
4850	Telford Street	Extra parking bays
5000	Station Road	20 minute parking bay
5100	Albany Drive	Extend yellow lines further north from the junction with Fernlea Avenue
5400	Sea Street	One hour parking bays
9992	Clarence Street, Cobblers Bridge Road	Make existing disabled parking bays enforceable

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL (WHITSTABLE)(TRAFFIC REGULATION AND STREET PARKING PLACES)(AMENDMENT NO 2) ORDER 2013

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The effect of the Order is to amend the Kent County Council (Whitstable) (Traffic Regulation and Street Parking Places) (Consolidation) Order 2012 by introducing new or varying existing parking and waiting restrictions on the following lengths of road in Whitstable:

6000	Thanet Way Service Road	Extend double yellow lines
6030	Clover Rise and Thanet Way	Double yellow lines
6050	Clover Rise & Highgate Road	Double yellow lines
6100	Herne Bay Road	Double yellow lines
6200	Swalecliffe Road	Single yellow lines (school start & finish times)
6250	Priest Walk	Double yellow lines
6625	Northwood Road and Fitzroy Road	Double yellow lines
6700	Castle Road and Strangford Road	Double yellow lines
6800	Castle Road and The Bridge Approach	Double yellow lines
6900	Tower Hill	Remove parking bay
7300	Waterloo Road	Change single yellow line to double yellow line
7800	Long Reach Close	Extend double yellow lines
7850	Grimthorpe Avenue and Valkyrie Avenue	Double yellow lines
7900	Joy Lane	Double yellow lines
8100	High Street	New taxi rank
9993	Reservoir Road, Nelson Road.	Make existing disabled parking bays enforceable

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL (CANTERBURY RURAL PARISHES)(TRAFFIC REGULATION AND STREET PARKING PLACES)(AMENDMENT NO 2) ORDER 2013

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The effect of the Order is to amend the Kent County Council (Canterbury Rural Parishes) (Traffic Regulation and Street Parking Places) (Consolidation) Order 2012 by introducing new or varying existing parking and waiting restrictions on the following lengths of road in rural parishes in the Canterbury District:

9000	Sturry Court Mews	Disabled parking bays
9100	Island Road	Confirm existing yellow lines outside this new development.
9400	Town Hill	Double yellow lines
9800	Blean Common and Tyler Hill Road	Double yellow lines at the junction
9825	Blean Common and Chapel Lane	Double yellow lines at the junction
9850	Hackington Road	Double yellow lines outside Nos 24 to 32
9994	St John's Crescent, Rentain Road	Make existing disabled parking bays enforceable

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL (VARIOUS ROADS, CITY OF CANTERBURY) (PROHIBITION OF STOPPING ON FOOTWAY OR VERGE) (AMENDMENT NO 2) ORDER 2013

Notice is hereby given that KENT COUNTY COUNCIL has made the above Order under sections 1(1), 2(1) to (3), 3(2), 4(1) and (2) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, and of all other enabling powers, and after consultation with the chief officer of police in accordance with Part III of Schedule 9 to the Act:

The effect of the Order is to amend the Kent County Council (Various Roads, City of Canterbury) (Prohibition of Stopping on Footway or Verge) (Consolidation) Order 2013 by introducing new or varying existing parking and waiting restrictions on the following lengths of road:

650	Hollowmede and Elham Road	Pavement parking ban
1400	Roseacre Close	Pavement parking ban
2150	North Lane	Pavement parking ban
4600	Kings Road	Pavement parking ban between William Street and Canterbury Road
4950	Brunswick Square	Pavement parking ban
6950	Victoria Street	Pavement parking ban between Harbour Street and the car park
7600	Gosselin Street	Pavement parking ban

These orders were made on 10 May 2013 and come into force on 13 May 2013. Full details are contained in the Orders which, together with a Statement of the council's reasons for making the Orders and a copy of the orders amended by these Orders may be examined at the Canterbury City Council offices, Military Road, Canterbury, CT1 1YW during normal office hours.

Any person wishing to question the validity of the Orders or any of the provisions contained therein on the grounds that it is not within the powers of the relevant enabling Act or that any requirement of any such enabling Act or of any regulations made thereunder have not been complied with may within six weeks from the date on which the Orders were made make application to the High Court for this purpose.

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Planning applications

CANTERBURY CITY COUNCIL

Notice under Article 13 of the Town & Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2010
Notice under Article 8 of the Town & Country Planning (General Development Procedure) Order 1995
Notice under Section 67 and/or Section 73 of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990
Notice under Regulation 5 of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Regulations 1990
Notice under Regulation 5A of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) (Amendment) (England) Regulations 2004

The following applications have been submitted for consideration by the council:

CA//13/00730/FUL: 106 Spenser Road, Herne Bay, CT6 6AR Replacement windows to front of property. **Applicant: Mrs Katie Stamp** Reason: Conservation area.
CA//13/00739/FUL: 63 Nelson Road, Whitstable, CT5 1DX Demolition of existing single-storey lean to and erection of new single-storey rear extension. **Applicant: Mr Sueiras** Reason: Conservation area.
CA//13/00740/CAC: 63 Nelson Road, Whitstable, CT5 1DX Demolition of existing single-storey lean to and erection of new single-storey rear extension. **Applicant: Mr Sueiras** Reason: Demolition of unlisted building in conservation area.
CA//13/00752/FUL: 79 Victoria Street, Whitstable, CT5 1HZ Erection of single-storey extension to the rear of dwelling and replacement front door. **Applicant: Ms A Bousfield** Reason: Conservation area.
CA//13/00764/FUL: Folly Farm, Headcorn Drive, Canterbury, CT2 7FF Application for a new planning permission to replace CA/10/00535/FUL for alterations to existing outbuilding to form two-storey dwelling (to be annexed to existing farmhouse) in order to extend the time limit for implementation. **Applicant: Mr and Mrs G Lawrence** Reason: Affects the setting of a listed building.
CA//13/00782/FUL: 61 Island Wall, Whitstable, CT5 1EL Side extension to rear first and second floor Applicant: Mr G Smedley Reason: Conservation area.
CA//13/00789/LB: Elmstone Court Nursing Home, Out Elmstead Lane, Barham, CT4 6PH Installation of proprietary damproofing system **Applicant: Mr and Mrs Tatt** Reason: Work to a listed building.
CA//13/00791/FUL: Bees End, Chapel Lane, Broad Oak, Sturry CT2 0QG New dwelling. **Applicant: Mr M Thomas** Reason: Contrary to the development plan.
CA//13/00794/FUL: 71 South Road, Herne Bay, CT6 5AT Replacement joinery to bay window and first floor sash windows at front of property. **Applicant: Mr and Mrs Davies** Reason: Conservation area.
CA//13/00798/FUL: 7 Prospect Place, Canterbury, CT1 3JU Conversion of loft space to home office, including the insertion of a dormer in the rear roof slope **Applicant: Dr P Clarke** Reason: Conservation area.
CA//13/00802/ADV: 10B Rose Lane, Canterbury, CT1 2SJ Erection of two illuminated fascia signs and one illuminated projecting sign. **Applicant: Costa Limited** Reason: Conservation area.
CA//13/00803/FUL: 52 Harbour Street, Whitstable, CT5 1AQ Single-storey rear extension. **Applicant: Peter Jackson Architects** Reason: Conservation area.

Any representations should be sent in writing to the Head of Planning and Regeneration, Canterbury City Council, Military Road, Canterbury CT1 1YW or e-mailed to **development.management@canterbury.gov.uk** to arrive on or before **Monday 3 June 2013.**

The weekly list of applications can be viewed on our website at: **www.canterbury.gov.uk/dc**

Ian Brown, Head of Planning and Regeneration
Friday 10 May 2013

Town and Country Planning Acts

The Council is required to give notice of the following applications

13/01011/FULMJ **Fridays Of Cranbrook Ltd Chequer Tree Farm, Cranbrook And Sissinghurst**
- Erection of agricultural building for storage of packaging (MAJOR)

13/01055/FUL **Wagtail Farm Jarvis Lane, Goudhurst**
- Replacement dwelling (PROW)

13/01025/HOUSE **Penrhyn Slip Mill Lane, Hawkhurst**
- Demolition of rear extension. Single storey rear extension. Two dormers on rear elevation (CA)

13/00733/HOUSE **Hayle Oast Marle Place Road, Horsmonden**
- Demolition of existing single garage/shed and wood storage area; Construction of oak-framed single garage with wood storage area (LB)

13/01053/FULMJ **Dundale Farm Dundale Road, Lamberhurst**
- Variation of Condition 1 of TW/04/03215/FULMJ (Appeal Decision APPM2270/A/05/1186843): The premises shall be used as a curling rink with ancillary features and as an events venue (MAJOR)

13/00925/FULMJ **Mascalls Secondary School Maidstone Road, Paddock Wood**
- Two storey extension to Block A and retention of existing car parking area (MAJOR)

13/00996/FUL 61 **Frant Road Royal Tunbridge Wells, Pantiles & St Marks**
- Change of use from C1 to C3 (CA)

13/00805/HOUSE **14 Shandon Close Royal Tunbridge Wells, Park**
- Two storey extension and loft conversion (CA)

13/00990/LBC **Tunbridge Wells Library Mount Pleasant Road, Park**
- Listed Building Consent: Divide an existing office into two and form new door opening in existing wall with general refurbishment of area to form Register Office space (LB)

13/00991/HOUSE **Maytrees Pembury Road, Park**
- Attached double garage incorporating drive-thru (CA)

13/01050/OUTMJ **1 - 66 Kemble Close 1 - 66 Silwood Close Lakeside 14 - 100 Greggs Wood Road, Sherwood**
- Variation of Condition 35 of planning permission TW/12/00201/OUTMJ to allow details of highway works on Greggs Wood Road to be submitted with the Reserved Matters for Phase 4 (MAJOR)

13/00962/HOUSE **Danemore Park Cottage Langton Road, Speldhurst**
- Replace metal frame windows with original wood frame sash windows, move internal stair case from centre to rear West wall and remove partition wall, adjust bedroom layout accordingly on First Floor, replace existing electrics and plumbing, installation of new bathroom suite and kitchen in their existing positions (LB)

13/00964/LBC **Danemore Park Cottage Langton Road, Speldhurst**
- Listed Building Consent: Replace metal frame windows with original wood frame sash windows, move internal stair case from centre to rear West wall and remove partition wall, adjust bedroom layout accordingly on First Floor, replace existing electrics and plumbing, installation of new bathroom suite and kitchen in their existing positions (LB)

(DEVPLN) Departure from the Development Plan (PROW) Affecting A Public Right of way (CA) Affecting a Conservation Area (LB) Affecting a Listed Building (MAJOR) Major Applications (MAST) Mast Applications (EIA) Applications Accompanied by an EIA Statement.

You may view these applications on our website (www.tunbridgewells.gov.uk), at the The Old Fire Station, Stone Street, Cranbrook or at Gateway, 8 Grosvenor Road, Tunbridge Wells. We accept comments online, by email to planningcomments@tunbridgewells.gov.uk or in writing to the address below. Comments should be made within 21 days from the date of this notice, although we may accept them after this date.

You should quote the reference and be aware that we make all comments available for inspection, placing them on the file and publishing them on the internet. We do not publish signatures, telephone numbers or email addresses on the internet.

James Freeman
Head of Planning Services, Tunbridge Wells Borough Council
Town Hall, Royal Tunbridge Wells TN1 1RS

Dated: 11 May 2013

Tunbridge Wells Borough Council

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990

PLANNING APPLICATIONS LISTED BUILDING CONSENTS CONSERVATION AREA CONSENTS

DOV/13/0056 Erection of two storey building to accommodate new hospital, conversion of physiotherapy unit to an estates facility and energy centre, construction of vehicular access and 160 space car park and associated landscaping (existing buildings to be demolished) (amended details) **Buckland Hospital, Coombe Valley Road, Dover, CT17 0HD** **MAJ**

DOV/13/00326 Part retrospective application for the erection of boundary walls and piers **126-128, Sandwich Road, Whitfield, Dover, CT16 3JP** **ARW**

DOV/13/00320 Erection of a rear porch extension **ARW** **Hammill Court Farmhouse, Hammill, Woodnesborough, Sandwich, CT13 0EL**

DOV/13/00293 Erection of pillar and screens to front; construction of hardstanding and steps; refurbishment of existing balconies, installation of windows and doors; creation of external staircase, installation of solar panels to side and associated external alterations **Stillpoint, 19 Granville Road, St. Margaret's Bay, Dover, CT15 6DR** **CON**

DOV/13/00312 Erection of 1.6m high wall **The Parsonage, The Street, Goodnestone, Canterbury, CT3 1PJ** **LCN**

DOV/13/00313 Erection of 1.6m high wall **The Parsonage, The Street, Goodnestone, Canterbury, CT3 1PJ** **LCN**

DOV/13/00314 Installation of extraction duct **Swingate Inn, Swingate, St. Margarets, Dover, CT15 5DP** **LBC**

DOV/13/00321 Variation of conditions 8 of planning permission DOV/06/1002 to allow opening hours Mondays and Tuesdays 8am - 5pm, Wednesdays and Thursdays 9am - 8pm, Fridays 9am - 5pm and Saturdays 9am - 1pm **39 New Street, Sandwich, CT13 9BB** **CON**

DOV/13/00324 Renewal of planning permission DOV/10/00216 for rear restaurant extension including revised parking layout **The Old Lantern, The Street, Martin, Dover, CT15 5JL** **CON**

DOV/13/00329 Construction of vehicular access and parking bays, erection of retaining wall, fencing and gates **The Edge, Bay Hill, St. Margarets Bay, CT15 6DU** **CON**

DOV/11/00273 Retrospective application for the erection of a barn for the storage of hay and stabling of two horses and the use of the land for the grazing of two horses **Land at Bay View Road, Kingsdown** **ARW**

DOV/13/00195 Erection of extension and conversion of existing building to form dwelling, erection of double garage and associated works **Chitty's Mill, Lower Mill Lane, Deal, CT14 9AG** **SLB**

DOV/13/00230 Erection of two front bay windows and replacement windows **6 Deal Castle Road, Deal, CT14 7BB** **CON**

Reason for Advert Codes:-
MAJ - Major Development **ARW** - Affect a Public Right of Way
CON - In a Conservation Area **LCN** - Listed Building in a Conservation Area
LBC - The proposal affects a Listed Building
SLB - To affect setting of a Listed Building

Some applications are not publicised in this list. All applications may be inspected at the Council Offices, White Cliffs Business Park, Dover, to which address any representations (to include a postal address) should be sent **within 21 days** marked "for the attention of Planning". Applications may also be viewed, and comments on applications may be made on our website www.dover.gov.uk/planning or at Dover Gateway, 71 Castle Street, Dover, Deal Library or the Area Office, The Guildhall, Sandwich

Failure to meet the above deadline may jeopardise the chances of representations being considered. any representations received may be made available for inspection by the public, and may be copied to others, including the secretary of state and the applicant if there is an appeal against the council's decision. Representations will not be acknowledged until an application has been determined.

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YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2013

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2. on or after 29 July until the completion of the audit, the District Auditor, Darren Wells, Grant Thornton, The Explorer Building, Fleming Way, Crawley, RN10 9GT at the request of any local government elector for the area to which the accounts relate, will give the elector or their representative an opportunity to question him about the accounts, and any such elector or representative may attend before the Auditor and make objection to any of the accounts. No objection shall be made by or on behalf of a local government elector unless the District Auditor has previously received written notice of the proposed objection and of the grounds on which it is to be made. Where an elector sends a notice to the Auditor for this purpose they shall at the same time send a copy of the notice to the Council.

Lee M. Colyer CPFA
Head of Finance & Governance
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PLANNING

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR PLANNING PERMISSION

PLANNING (LISTED BUILDINGS AND CONSERVATION AREAS) ACT 1990

KCC/CA/0138/2013 - Proposed development at Petham Primary School, Church Lane, Petham, Canterbury, Kent, CT4 5RD.

KCC Property & Infrastructure Support is applying to the Kent County Council for planning permission for the replacement of 8no. metal crittall windows fixed directly into brick reveals and with concrete cills and lintels. New windows are to match the general appearance, sight lines and direct fixing to brickwork of the crittall windows but will be manufactured in white powder coated aluminium sections and be double glazed. The proposed development is within the Petham Conservation Area and is likely to affect its character and/or appearance, and also may affect the setting of a listed building.

You may view this application at Canterbury City Council, Canterbury Main Office, Military Road, Canterbury, Kent, CT1 1YW.

NOTICE UNDER ARTICLE 13 OF THE TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PROCEDURE) (ENGLAND) ORDER 2010 AND UNDER THE PLANNING (LISTED BUILDINGS AND CONSERVATION AREAS) ACT 1990

KCC/SW/0151/2013 - Proposed development at Faversham Quarry, Ham Farm, Ham Road, Faversham, Kent, ME13 7TS.

Brett Aggregates Limited is applying to the Kent County Council for planning permission for a retrospective planning application for the retention of a night watchman's caravan for the duration of mineral extraction and mineral processing operations at the Faversham Quarry site. The proposed development may affect the setting of a listed building(s).

You may view this application at Swale Borough Council, Swale House, East Street, Sittingbourne, Kent, ME10 3HT.

NOTICE UNDER ARTICLE 13 OF THE TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PROCEDURE) (ENGLAND) ORDER 2010

KCC/TM/0142/2013 - Proposed development at New Earth Solutions Composting Facility, Blaise Farm Quarry, Kings Hill, West Malling, Kent, ME19 4PN.

New Earth Solutions Group Ltd is applying to the Kent County Council for planning permission for a section 73 application to vary condition 12 of planning permission TM/09/3231 to align the catchment area restriction for the established composting facility at Blaise Farm Quarry granted under planning permission TM/09/3231 with that of the anaerobic digestion plant at Blaise Farm Quarry granted under planning permission TM/12/2549. The proposed development may not accord with the provisions of the development plan in force in the area in which the land to which the application relates is situated.

You may view this application at Tonbridge & Malling Borough Council, Gibson Building, Gibson Drive, Kings Hill, West Malling, Kent, ME19 4LZ.

Alternatively, details of all applications can be viewed on Kent County Council's website at www.kent.gov.uk/viewapplications or at our offices in Maidstone at the address below during all reasonable office hours.

We accept comments online via our website, by email to planning.applications@kent.gov.uk or in writing to Planning Applications Group, Kent County Council, First Floor, Invicta House, County Hall, Maidstone, Kent ME14 1XX within 21 days from the date of this notice. Please quote the application reference number and note that comments may be drawn to the attention of Council Members, the applicant and other interested persons and may include publishing on the Borough Council website.

Sharon Thompson
Head of Planning
Applications Group
Kent County Council
Dated: 12 May 2013

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TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990

PLANNING (LISTED BUILDINGS AND CONSERVATION AREAS) ACT 1990

Swale Borough Council as Local Planning Authority has received the following applications which are being advertised to ascertain the views of persons living near the sites and other interested parties. The proposed developments relate to one or more of the following:

1. The site of the application is within/affecting a designated Conservation Area (Section 73) of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990.
2. The proposed development may affect the Listed Building or it's setting.
3. The application is for a Major Development.
4. The application would affect a right of way to which Part III of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (as amended) applies.

REPRESENTATIONS IN RESPECT OF THE FOLLOWING APPLICATIONS MUST BE MADE BY 27 MAY 2013

SW/13/0238:
Listed Building Consent to remove existing boiler from kitchen, installing new boiler in attic with external flue from roof and internal works to loft - 68 West Street, FAVERSHAM; **REASONS 1 & 2**

SW/13/0442:
Alterations, extension and replacement access and parking - 68 Horsham Lane, UPCHURCH; **REASON 3**

SW/13/0465 &
SW/13/0466:
Internal cosmetic and structural alterations and removal/replacement of 'plants' to flat roof. New access ramp to rear car park. Installation of 2 non-illuminated heritage letter signs, 1 non-illuminated heritage projecting sign sign (See separate application SW/13/0314 for Advertisement Consent) - Barclays Bank PLC, 81 High Street, SITTINGBOURNE; **REASONS 1 & 2**

SW/13/0472:
Minor interior alterations to living accommodation. New rear first floor bedroom accommodation and side ground floor utility room - 2 Cheney Road, FAVERSHAM; **REASON 4**

SW/13/0483:
The widening and lowering of a section of Gas Road Milton from Mill Way to provide 5 metre clearance under light railway bridge for commercial vehicles - Road forming part of Gas Road off Mill Way, SITTINGBOURNE; **REASON 4**

Particulars of the proposal(s) can be obtained from Planning Services, Swale Borough Council, Swale House, East Street, Sittingbourne, where copies of the applications and all documents submitted with them may be inspected during office hours; any representations should be made in writing to this address.

James Freeman
Head of Planning

Folkestone Hythe & Romney Marsh

THE TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PROCEDURE) (ENGLAND) ORDER 2010

The following applications have been submitted for consideration by the Council:

Y13/0395/SH - 20 Bouverie Road West Folkestone Kent CT20 2SZ - Change of use of first floor from ancillary residential accommodation to beauty salon.

Y13/0406/SH# - Governors House Cannon Street New Romney Kent TN28 8BH - Works to trees situated within a conservation area comprising the reduction in height of a row of conifers to 5.5 metres and the overall reduction of a beech tree by 1.5 metres

Y13/0372/SH - Town Hall 2 Guildhall Street Folkestone Kent CT20 1DY - Listed Building consent for the display of a non-illuminated crest.

Y13/0407/SH+ - 22 Napier Gardens Hythe Kent CT21 6DD - Crown reduction of a Beech Tree situated within a conservation area comprising the reduction in height and laterals by 1.5 metres

Y13/0399/SH - South Cottage Old Road Elham Canterbury Kent - Erection of a single storey front extension (alternative scheme to that approved under application Y04/0004/SH).

Any representations should be made in writing to the Head of Planning, Shepway District Council, Civic Centre, Castle Hill Avenue, Folkestone, Kent, CT20 2QY or emailed to planning@shepway.gov.uk. Comments should be made in writing within 21 days from the date of publication. It should be noted that any representations received will be made available for public inspection.

Some applications can be viewed at other locations in addition to the Civic Centre, Folkestone. The applications are marked as follows:

\# - The One Stop Shop, Magpies, Church Approach, New Romney

\+ - Hythe Town Council Offices, Stade Street, Hythe

Applications can be viewed and comments made online at http://searchplanapps.shepway.gov.uk/online-applications/.

The applications marked (*) do not accord with the provisions of the development plan in force in the area in which the land to which the application relates is situated.

C Lewis, Head of Planning
Shepway District Council

THE MAIDSTONE BOROUGH COUNCIL
Town and Country Planning Act
Notice of Applications

MA/13/0028/S - ALBION INN, CHURCH STREET, BOUGHTON MONCHELSEA, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME17 4HW - Erection of one pair of semi-detached dwellings with access. **Reason: 1 2**

MA/13/0323/N - 2, WEAVERING MANOR, WEAVERING STREET, WEAVERING, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME14 5JJ - An application for Listed building consent for conversion of existing first floor en-suite w.c. to shower room and installation of new w.c. at first floor level, removal of existing timber balustrade to mezzanine level and replacement with glazed screen, removal of existing stairs to mezzanine and installation of two new spiral stairs to afford mezzanine and roof void access to create additional bedroom, and installation of five conservation roof lights to south elevation. **Reason: 3**

MA/13/0517/S - HAVEN FARM, NORTH STREET, SUTTON VALENCE, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME17 3HS - Change of use of building to A3 use (restaurants & cafes). **Reason: 9**

MA/13/0551/N - HINECON, SOUTH GREEN, SITTINGBOURNE, SITTINGBOURNE, KENT, ME9 7QD - Change of use of building from a mixed use as a dwelling and for the training of dogs, to use as offices for a security company and for the training of dogs including extensions, new kennels, engineering works to re-grade land, and isolation kennels. **Reason: 6**

MA/13/0639/N - HEADCORN AERODROME, SHENLEY ROAD, HEADCORN, ASHFORD, KENT, TN27 9HX - Variation of condition 7 of MA/77/1559 to hold an air display on 14th/15th September 2013 as part of Southern Model Show Weekend, including Battle of Britain Memorial Flight, Tiger Club and tethered hot air balloons. **Reason: 7 10**

MA/13/0654/N - LAND TO THE REAR OF 7, ASHFORD ROAD, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME14 5BJ - Formation of car park with a new access and egress for commercial use for a temporary period of 5 years. **Reason: 1 2**

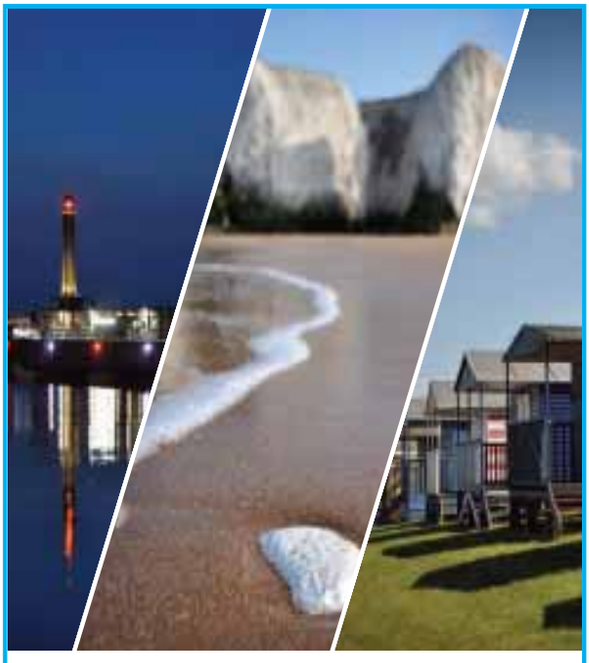
MA/13/0655/N - LEEDS CASTLE, ASHFORD ROAD, HOLLINGBOURNE, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME17 1PL - Listed building consent for the refurbishment of existing men's and ladies toilets within the Gate Tower building including the introduction of a new wheelchair accessible toilet and cleaners cupboard in the redundant bar area. **Reason: 3**

Reasons for advertisement key:
1 - Applications affects the setting of a Listed Building.
2 - Application affects the setting of a Conservation Area.
3 - Application is for Listed Building Consent.
6 - Application is Major Development.
7 - Application affects a Public Right of Way.
9 - Application does not accord with the Local Plan.
10 - Application is of general Public Interest.

MAIDSTONE Borough Council

Copies of applications listed may be seen at Maidstone Gateway, Maidstone during office hours (Monday to Friday 8.30am to 5.30pm, and Saturday 9am to 1pm). Any representations should be made in writing to me by no later than **26th May 2013,** quoting the application number.

Rob Jarman, Head of Development Management, Maidstone Borough Council, Maidstone House, King Street, Maidstone, Kent ME15 6JQ. **Dated:** 12th May 2013.



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FOOTBALL

Kinnear hoping to keep away run going in play-off final at Salisbury

DOVER Athletic boss Chris Kinnear insists his side hold no fear going into their Blue Square South play-off final this weekend.

The Whites travel to Salisbury City in a 3pm kick-off on Sunday, having come through an epic semi-final against Eastleigh.

Kinnear's men let a 3-1 lead from the first leg of the semi-final in Hampshire slip with their tie at the Crabble ending 2-0 to the visitors after normal time and extra time. Dover keeper Mitch Walker proved the hero saving two spot kicks which led to a pitch invasion.



Picture: ADY KERRY

NO FEAR: Kinnear relishing final trip

It has set up a tie with Salisbury who finished second, and six points clear of Dover who finished third.

"I've seen them four times, they are a very good footballing side," said Kinnear. "We are not frightened of them by any stretch of the imagination."

Kinnear's side have lost just once since he returned as manager at the start of February, which was the 5-0 home thrashing to Basingstoke. They followed that up with a 1-1 draw at Salisbury, with the home side snatching an equaliser with the last kick of the game.

The reverse fixture, back in October when Nicky Forster was in charge, saw the Whites lose 3-1 at the Crabble.

"You're going to get bad results some times, but it's how you deal with it, and how the players deal with it which matters," he said. "We used the Basingstoke loss as a catalyst to push on.

"I think we won the Eastleigh tie in the first leg, we gave them a massive shock and they lost their discipline.

"Salisbury being at home will probably help them, but us being away will no doubt help us. I'm not a betting man, but I wouldn't want to gamble on who'd win. We are not going there for a day out. We are going there to win."

■ **Maidstone United will be playing in the Ryman Premier next season after winning the all-Kent Ryman One South play-off final 3-0 over Faversham Town.**

FOOTBALL

Stanford bags goal in defeat

Tunbridge Wells were backed by more than 12,000 of their own fans at Wembley last week-end when they lost the FA Vase final 2-1 against Spennymoor Town.

Josh Stanford got the equaliser 13 minutes from time, pictured right.

For all the reaction, and a gallery of pictures log on to www.kentnews.co.uk/sport.



Picture: ADY KERRY

FOOTBALL

Hess quits as he seeks a new challenge away from the Gills

By Greg Miles
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ALMOST exactly a year on from stepping aside as manager Andy Hessenthaler has said his farewells at Gillingham once more after quitting as director of football.

The Gills legend, who played 364 games in a ten year spell that included three and a half as player-manager, and two more as boss until last summer, admits he is chomping at the bit to return to coaching.



The 47-year-old, who guided the club to its highest ever finish in the Football League, has not ruled out a return to non-league in order to get back into the tracksuit. Several approaches were made for his services earlier this year, but were blocked by chairman Paul Scally who wanted him to stay until at least the end of the season.

While Hess, pictured, narrowly failed to make the play-offs in his two years in charge, a large part of his squad won the League Two title this year, and the additions by new boss Martin Allen were funded by the sale of keeper Paulo Gazzaniga to Southampton, and sell-on fees from the Matt Jarvis deal, both players which Hess brought to the club.

"It's the right time," he said, "I can leave on a high as well with the club being champions. It was great to be involved in that, and I felt I played a part with the players I've brought to the club over the past couple of years. It's given me great satisfaction.

"We (he and Scally) had a conversation a few months ago because there was interest from another club, and I was enjoying it at the time. We wanted to finish this promotion off.

"Now the season's finished. I've had a good year doing what I'm doing, but I miss the training ground and coaching, and managing.

"There's nothing for me to walk into at the moment. I'm just putting myself out there as well, I'm chomping at the bit."

He paid tribute to Gills fans who have stuck by him through his years at the club.

"It's in my blood and I love the club and always will do," he said. "They (the fans) have been a big part of my life, they have been tremendous to me and my family. I can't normally go to the supermarket without bumping into somebody to talk about football. It's great, I could talk all day about Gillingham."

CONTRACT OFFERS

ANDY Hessenthaler is not the only person to resolve his future at the club this week.

Development squad coach and former player Mark Patterson has had his contract cancelled, as have performance analyst Josh Schofield, and scout Mike Robbins.

As for the playing staff, veteran duo Andy Frampton, and Deon Burton have been offered new deals, so has teenage left-back Joe Carter. Goalkeeper Tommy Forecast, who spent the season on loan from Southampton, has been offered a contract following his release from the Saints.

Midfielder Lewis Montrose who spent the second half of the campaign on loan at Oxford United has not been offered a new deal. The door had been left open for Danny East to return, but the defender who played twice while on loan from Hull City has instead signed for Portsmouth after his contract with the Tigers expired at the end of the season.

MOTORSPORT

Brands set for DTM

THE German touring car series DTM is set to light up Brands Hatch next weekend.

DTM kicked off in Hockenheim last Sunday, with Bromley ace and last year's runner-up, Gary Paffett finishing fourth.

The 32-year-old year-old Mercedes driver, pictured, lead the championship for the majority of last year, but lost out in the final race meaning he collected a fourth runners-up medal of his career.

He will be joined by the likes of former Virgin and Toyota F1 driver Timo Glock, and former World Touring Car champion Andy Prilaux on the grid.

It was Brazilian Augusto Farfus who took the honours in the opening round in the 2013 championship which features a host of new rules including F1-style DRS and option tyres making it a much more spectator friendly sport.

"That was a tough race, but a P4 finish and my first points of the season are a reasonable outcome," said Paffett of his Hockenheim race. "The two different tyre compounds and the use of DRS made for an exciting race."



■ **The second round at Brands Hatch takes place on May 18 and 19. Tickets are available from £29, with free entry for children aged 12 and under.**

For more information visit www.brandshatch.co.uk

NON-LEAGUE TALK

Denly takes up reigns at Bay

SAM Denly has become one of the youngester managers in non-league football after taking over at **Herne Bay**.

The Ryman One South side have been on the hunt for a new boss following the sacking of Simon Halsey last month.

They announced this week that 29-year-old Denly would take charge, with Neil Brown as his head coach, and Gavin Theze as his assistant.

Denly, the brother of former Kent cricket player Joe, retired as a player with Whitstable Town two years ago, where his father Nic also managed.

"I am obviously delighted to be appointed as manager of such a great club," he said. "For me it is all about professionalism, discipline, hard work, passion and football being played in the right way and a group of players enjoying playing for the club and the passion of that shirt."

Tom Bonner and Tom Champion have declined offers at **Dartford** to take up full-time contracts at Cambridge United. Full-back Adam Green has also left, however captain Elliot Bradbrook, and fellow midfielder Jon Wallis have agreed to new terms at the Blue Square Premier side.

Blue Square South champions **Welling United** have begun reshuffling their squad for next season by releasing three players.

Striker Jon Main, central defender Ben Martin, and midfielder Scott Kinch have all left the Wings with their contracts expiring.

Former Whitstable Town boss Justin Luchford has joined Neil Cugley's **Folkestone Invicta** as a scout. Luchford was sacked by Whitstable back in November.

SNOOKER

Hawkins eyes new motor after World Championship windfall

By Greg Miles
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Picture: MONIQUE LIMBOS



DEFEAT: Barry Hawkins, left, put in a brave performance against Ronnie O'Sullivan at the Crucible

BARRY Hawkins is going to trade in his Volkswagen Golf for a new BMW after banking £125,000 for finishing as runner-up in the snooker World Championship.

The Hawk, from Ditton, has had a sensational fortnight at the Crucible in Sheffield, and while it ended in defeat he can take no shame from losing out to five-time winner and legend Ronnie O'Sullivan.

The 18-12 defeat has proved to be the highlight of Hawkins' 16-year professional career, in which he has only ever won one ranking tournament, that came last July at the Australian Open.

Now Hawkins, who has moved up to world number nine, is set for a relaxing two week break following a manic post-final week in the spotlight, and first on his agenda is a trip to the garage to upsize his motor thanks to his winnings.

"I want to upgrade my car," he said. "I have always wanted a nice car. I drive a Volkswagen Golf which is a nice car anyway to be honest.

"I would like to get the BMW 5 series, the M Sport version I think.

"I have been having a look and I have got a couple of friends who work in the motor trade who could help. It will be something that every time I see it on the drive will remind me of that final."

Apart from the car Hawkins is keen to be sensible with his winnings, he added: "We might have a family holiday, and I will be paying off a bit of the mortgage as well."

The 34-year-old, who has been helped with his mental approach to the game by former World Champion Terry Griffiths, started the competition having only got as far as the second round before, and when the draw was made it looked like it would be a similar story.

After overcoming Jack Lisowski in the first round, he was paired with world number one Mark Selby, but pulled off the shock of his life with a 13-10 win.

"When I beat Selby in the second round I think I celebrated more then than I did when I got into the final," he said. "I had never been that far before. After that I was so focused I didn't have time to sit back and think about it."

He then knocked out Chinese number one Ding Junhui in the quarter-finals and fought back against Ricky Walden in the semi to set up a showdown with O'Sullivan, whose name was already being written on the trophy with pundits giving Hawkins no chance.

"I actually felt like I could win it," said Hawkins who trains at Jordans Snooker Club in Rainham. "When I've played him a few times before I have always been close. He's never actually thrashed me. I knew I had to stick with him and play at my best. He said to me afterwards that it was the toughest final he has ever had, that's good to hear considering he has played in five finals."

Hawkins will now take stock of his achievement before getting ready for the Wuxi Classic qualifiers in China in June.

"I have reached the highest ranking I have ever been," he said. "I would just like to keep the form going now, and get to the latter stages of tournaments and win another ranking tournament."

FOOTBALL

Kuwaiti investors in talks on takeover at Ebbsfleet United

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DEAL: Kuwaitis in talks with Fleet

EBBSFLEET United director Jessica McQueen feels the club 'would do very well' if it is taken over by a Kuwaiti investment group fronted by former Charlton Athletic chairman Peter Varney.

The relegated Blue Square Premier club's current owners, the web-based membership group MyFootballClub.co.uk, who hold a 75 per cent share in the club, are voting this weekend to decide what course of action to follow with regards to the interest from KEH Sports Ltd.

The company is a subsidiary of world-wide investment group Kuwaiti European Holdings Company which specialises in health-care and tourism investment opportunities.

The minority shareholders are also meeting this weekend and will reveal their decision, along with the MyFC vote result on Monday. If it favours the takeover a two to three-day due diligence process will start after which the Kuwaiti group will commence their takeover.

Mrs McQueen told KoS: "He (Peter Varney) is well known in the football world and brings a huge amount of knowledge and contacts with him. The club would do very will if this goes through.

"It is subject to shareholder approval and due diligence which would take place next week. We are waiting for all those things to happen, if they go through and it's approved then we will move forward to the next stage which is the football club having new owners."

It looks to spell the end of the road for Carlos Kabir Karani's interest. The 38-year-old from the Canary Islands has held talks with the club in the past month.

"We have never had a business proposal from Mr Karani," she said. "There's been a lot of publicity, but not much substance."

CRICKET

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FLEXIBLE: Bell-Drummond happy at spot five

Bell-Drummond happy to fit into Kent's jigsaw wherever needed

THE continuing transition from first team hopeful to first team regular is one which Kent youngster Daniel Bell-Drummond is relishing.

The 19-year-old who has blazed a trail with England's under-19s and Kent's second XI in recent years as an opener has now found himself employed at number five in Kent's batting order.

However, he is happy to take his chance wherever he can, and that certainly showed as he knocked his maiden half century in the County Championship against Northamptonshire at the start of the month. It was all the sweeter as it came on the opening home fixture at the St Lawrence Ground.

"Playing at number five is a bit different," he said. "As long as I can get in the team and perform I'm perfectly happy. It's different to opening, but I'm enjoying it.

"It's easier for me opening and then going to five, rather than being a middle-order batsmen than going to opener. I'm used to dealing with the new ball, and accustomed to that situation."

Bell-Drummond spent the winter in rehab after having surgery to remove a bone from his ankle which has restricted his bowling ability, and caused pain when fielding.

"It's going alright at the moment, it's definitely been positive so far," he said. "I've been doing a bit of bowling in the nets.

"I've got the scars there and I feel a bit of pain, but it's all relative, and expected," he said. "It didn't really affect my batting so much, but sometimes in the field I felt it when planting my left foot, and I couldn't bowl at all."

He and a plethora of other young Kent stars have been put in the spotlight after promising performances but Bell-Drummond is keen to stay focused.

"I just keep working hard, and hopefully the rest will come," he said. "You can talk as much as you want but everything happens out in the middle. You need to practice and prepare and be ready for the challenges in the middle."

■ Kent suffered an indifferent start to their Yorkshire Bank 40 campaign this week. On Monday they picked up a last-ditch win over Warwickshire Bears with Adam Ball picking up a run-out to clinch a one-run win, and on Tuesday they lost by seven wickets to Nottinghamshire by the Duckworth-Lewis method after rain.

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